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LOCAL BRANCH.

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KING SOL COMES
OUT
FOR DERBY DAY.
TO-DAY'S CLASSIC
PROBLEM.
FORTUNE BAY THOUGHT TO
BE THE BEST.

GOOD SPORT ASSURED.

In sharp contrast to yesterday, Derby Day at the Races opened this morning in ideal weather, bright sunshine prevailing in place of the cold, damp conditions which marked the greater part of yesterday. As a consequence, huge crowds are sure to wend their way to the Valley.

The big event of the day, the Hongkong Derby, is regarded as being much more open than is usual, owing to the absence of any real track form to indicate the likely winner. At least ten of the Griffins have an outside chance of carrying off the blue ribbon, and although Fortune Bay will probably be selected as the best, there are many others, which have an almost equal chance of victory.

Tremendous Fight.

Next in importance to the Derby is the Subscription Griffins Challenge Cup, which should provide a good race for King Willow, The Grouse, Azalea Leaf and possibly Tunney. The three first-named have shown up very well in all their races, and a tremendous fight should be witnessed between this quartet.

The Challenge Cup should attract a very good field of old ponies, and an exciting finish should be seen in this event also.

Australian "Test."

The Melbourne Cup for Australian ponies should establish which is the best of these animals, whilst the Great Southern Stakes is another promising item in which some useful runners should appear.

A number of decidedly good "milers" should face the starter in the Glynhurst Stakes, which may result in win for Nationalist if the going, as seems likely, is a little faster than the first two days of the Meeting.

"Ringtail" selections for to-day are as follows:

1st Race.

Gay Crusader
Crown Prince
Lobster Bay.

2nd Race.

King Stable
Boxing Eve
Elliot Bay.

3rd Race.

Fortune Bay
Spey
King Stable.

4th Race.

King Willow
Azalea Leaf
The Grouse.

5th Race.

Wattle
Woodland Stag
Pegasus.

6th Race.

Boxing Eve
Royal Flush
Piccadilly.

7th Race.

Daylight Eve
Eros
King Stable.

8th Race.

Nationalist II
Hawthorn
Vastock.

9th Race.

Tango
Boxing Eve
Bridge Hall.

10th Race.

Eros
Daylight Eve
Wonderful Stag.

11th Race.

Nationalist II
Royal Flush
Zorhan.

12th Race.

The Quail
Tay
Jan Stewer.

GOLD BASIS ISSUE.

LEAGUE'S EXPERT
MAY ADVISE.

CHINA'S PROBLEM.

(Our Own Correspondent.)

Shanghai, Mar. 3.

Sir Arthur Salter, the Director of the Finance and Economic Department of the League of Nations, who is on his way to Nanking at the invitation of the Nationalist Government, arrived in Shanghai yesterday aboard the P. and O. liner Rawalpindi. He expects to leave for Nanking to-day, and will immediately enter into conferences with Mr. T. V. Soong, the Finance Minister, on the subject of China's currency, it is understood. There is a strong belief that Mr. Soong will seek the League expert's advice principally upon the possibility of China's placing of her currency on a gold basis.

Sir Arthur is accompanied by M. Maurice Frere and Mr. Elliott Filkin, both of whom are members of the League of Nations Economic Branch staff.

He declined to comment upon the purposes of his visit to China, though he said his discussions would undoubtedly centre upon the situation which has arisen as a result of the abnormal fall in the price of silver.

CANTON ST. GEORGE'S SOCIETY.

ANNUAL BALL A BIG SUCCESS.

Canton, Mar. 2.

The Canton branch of the Royal Society of St. George held their annual ball at the Canton Club Theatre on Saturday when there were some forty-five hosts and two hundred and fifty guests.

Before the supper dance, the President, Mr. H. Phillips, C.M.G., O.B.E., British Consul-General, Canton, made a short speech in which he welcomed the guests on behalf of the members of the Society.

The function was a brilliant success, thoroughly enjoyed by all present, and the Theatre was tastefully decorated in a red and white scheme. Dance music was provided by Mickey's Melody Makers.—Our Own Correspondent.

MURDER OF BRITISH MISSIONARIES.

QUESTIONS IN HOUSE OF COMMONS.

London, Mar. 2.

Questioned in the House of Commons as to whether any reply had been received to the representations regarding the murder of Miss Nettleton and Miss Harrison, Mr. Hugh Dalton, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, said the Chinese Foreign Minister had on several occasions assured the British Minister of his earnest intention to make every effort to capture the criminals.

Mr. Wang had further stated that strong military forces were engaged against the bandits in Kiangsi, and instructions had been issued for the apprehension of the murderers.—Reuter.

PERU OUTLOOK NOW BETTER.

PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT ESTABLISHED.

New York, Mar. 2.

As a result of the Navy's intervention, a new Government has been established in Peru under the provisional Presidency of the Chief Justice, Senor Elias.

The Government includes the Chief Commander of the Navy and the Chief of the Army General Staff, who in concert have made a move to open communications with the Southern rebel force at Arequipa, while the Northern rebels in the vicinity of Piura are seeking to end a situation that is verging on civil war.—Reuter's American Service.

POLITICAL CRISIS IN NANKING.

RESIGNATION OF HU HAN-MIN.

DISPUTE OVER NATIONAL ASSEMBLY.

SPEECHES CENSORED.

Nanking, Mar. 2.

A political sensation of paramount importance, and one which promises to have far-reaching effects, tending possibly to important changes in the personnel of the Legislative Council and other Government departments, has been caused by the resignation of Mr. Hu Han-min.

For some time it has been known that Marshal Chiang Kai-shek, the President of the National Government, has strongly disapproved of the policies of Mr. Hu Han-min, who was President of the Legislative Council.

Mr. Pethick-Lawrence said that he was not aware of the occasion to which Captain Gazzal referred, but he promised to consider the matter.

Trouble Comes to Head.

The animosity between Mr. Hu Han-min and Marshal Chiang Kai-shek came to head with the proposed organisation of the National Assembly, the highest authority of the Kuomintang Party. Several conferences have been held by the Kuomintang Central Political Council for the discussion of procedure in connexion with the draw-

ing up of an agenda for the assembly meeting, which has been arranged to take place early in May.

President Chiang Kai-shek inter alia, urged the adoption by the Assembly of a Provisional Constitution as outlined by Mr. Wang Ching-wei in his book urging a reform of the Kuomintang. Mr. Hu Han-min is understood to be strongly against this form of government.

President's Decision.

The President of the Nanking Government caused a mild sensation this morning when, presiding at the weekly session at Government House, he said that he was ready to adopt the Provisional Constitution during the present period of political tutelage, as it aimed at the protection of individual rights and property.

The President denounced Mr. Hu Han-min for opposing the Provisional Constitution for no other reason than a desire to retain his power in the Legislative Council.

Speech Censored.

A serious blow was delivered to the followers of Mr. Hu Han-min when the President announced that Mr. Hu would resign in favour of Mr. Lin Sen.

This morning the Kuomintang Office requested all Nanking newspapers to censor the speech delivered by Marshal Chiang, for reasons not stated.

After the session at Government House, an important conference took place at the Central Kuomintang Headquarters, when the Kuomintang officials were informed of the wish of President Chiang Kai-shek to summon a Commission consisting of ten Kuomintang officials including Dr. Wang Chung-hui, Mr. Yu Yu-jen, Chairman of the Control Yuan, Messrs. Tsai Yuan-pai, Wu Tso-hui, Ting Wan-fan and H. H. Kung, to draft the Provisional Constitution in readiness for the coming meeting of the National Assembly.

Previous Split.

It is interesting to note that Mr. Hu Han-min was amongst the organisers with the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen of the Tung Meng Hui (Revolutionary Party) and on

SILVER TO PAY THE WAR DEBT.

SUGGESTION IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

AN OBVIOUS ANSWER.

London, Mar. 2.

A suggestion that Britain might pay her debt to the United States partly in silver was made in the House of Commons to-day at question-time.

It was pointed out by Mr. F. W. Pethick-Lawrence, the Financial Secretary to the Treasury, that whatever the British Government's view might be regarding the suggestion, the initiative must rest with the Government of the United States.

Captain Victor Gazzal the Conservative Member for Chippenham, the well-known tennis, lawn tennis and rackets player, asserted that a few years ago the United States altered the basis of a debt settlement with another country by substituting silver for gold payments.

Mr. Pethick-Lawrence said that he was not aware of the occasion to which Captain Gazzal referred, but he promised to consider the matter.

Mr. Hammett suggested that the question was considerably embarrassed by the decision of the Government of India to increase the import duties on silver.

Mr. Lawrence did not reply.—Reuter.

RUGBY SENSATION.

BRITISH UNIONS BAN ON THE FRENCH.

NOT PLAYING GAME.

London, Mar. 2.

Split by a dissension in its own ranks and generally condemned for the brutal methods which have become a feature of French Rugby recently, the French Rugby Union was to-day ousted by the four British Unions, who decided to refuse to allow any club international matches against French clubs, or France, after the end of the season, unless the conduct of the game there is placed on a satisfactory basis.—Reuter.

FAR EAST FLIGHT BEGINS.

FRENCH AIRMEN TO TRAVEL DAY AND NIGHT.

Paris, Mar. 2.

Moench and Burin, whose departure on a flight for the Far East was postponed last week, took off from Le Bourget, for Athens at 3.05 p.m. to-day.

They intend to fly day and night with the object of breaking the record for a flight from Paris to Tokyo, which is their ultimate destination.

They are touching at Shanghai in the course of the flight.—Reuter

UNION WATERBOAT COMPANY.

PROPOSED DIVIDEND AND BONUS.

The Union Waterboat Co., Ltd.

advises that, subject to audit, the net balance at credit of Profit and Loss Account for the year ending 31st December, 1930, is \$45,466.84, which amount the members of the Consulting Committee will, at the approaching meeting of shareholders, recommend to be allocated as follows:

Pay dividend of \$1.25

per share \$34,655.75

Pay a Bonus of .25 per share 6,930.75

Carry forward to New Account 3,882.34

\$45,466.84

— Reaction Elsewhere.

SPECULATION ON NAVAL PACT.

OFFICIAL CIRCLES RETICENT.

MR. HENDERSON CLEARS UP A DOUBT.

FRENCH TONNAGE.

Rome, Mar. 2.

Much speculation prevails regarding the nature of the Italo-French-British naval agreement, but official circles remain extremely reticent regarding the terms.

According to an unofficial report, however, France will have a superiority in submarines, not only over Italy, but over all other Powers, and there will be parity as regards ten thousand-ton cruisers between France and Italy.

Both countries at present possess seven and it is understood that the agreement provides for this number as the limit.

It is further believed that the agreement provides that France and Italy shall both build two new battleships each, while it is forecasted, as regards light-cruisers and destroyers that France will have a superiority in total tonnage, though in certain categories, Italy will lead.

It appears certain that the respective requirements of the three countries in the Mediterranean were not mentioned throughout the negotiations.—Reuter.

Mr. Henderson in London.

Mr. Arthur Henderson, the Foreign Secretary, and Mr. A. V. Alexander, First Lord of the Admiralty, returned to London to-day from their brilliant successful Continental "tour" in the interests of a naval agreement.

Mr. Henderson, in the course of an interview with Reuter's representative, this evening, said that the outstanding feature of the success of the naval negotiations was that the agreement concluded prevented an imminent renewal of Franco-Italian competition in naval armaments.

Serious Danger Averted.

If this had taken place, and there was a serious threat of such a development, it would have vitalised the atmosphere at the General Disarmament Conference which has been arranged for February next year.

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DAWN OF TROPICAL MEDICINE.

TRIBUTE TO MEMORY OF SIR P. MANSON.

The Dawn of Tropical Medicine, an account of the life and work of Sir Patrick Manson, was the subject of a lecture by Dr. P. Manson-Bahr at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine.

Sir Harry Goschen, who presided, referred to the death of Sir Andrew Balfour, "one of Sir Patrick Manson's earliest students, himself destined to become the director of this great school which has arisen out of Manson's first conception of a School of Tropical Medicine," and said they were all "infinitely the poorer for the loss of that great-hearted man" from the time of his appointment to the post of Director of the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine at the beginning of the year 1924. Andrew Balfour had worked with consuming energy and high sense of duty for the task to which he had put his hand, and it was an honour to stand in that magnificent home of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine and pay tribute to his memory. Balfour was a man of sterling character, simplicity, and directness of purpose, as honest and open as the day, without a trace of guile. The affection which he inspired in all of them was indeed something wonderful, and his colleagues on the board of management and on the staff joined with his numberless friends throughout the world in a heartfelt message of sympathy to Lady Balfour and his two sons.

Dr. Manson-Bahr made no attempt to claim that Manson discovered tropical medicine, but laid emphasis on the fact that by his work and precepts he made it a new and living thing, that he was the first to elucidate the cause and transference of many hitherto obscure tropical diseases, that as a great clinician he transformed the specific treatment of those diseases, and that, most certainly, he was the first to found and direct a school devoted to the teaching of tropical medicine, and thereby to render safe for colonization and development many unhealthy and inhospitable countries of the British Empire and in other parts of the world. The benign influence of his discoveries, of his example, and of his life, was world wide. His discoveries in the realm of pure science alone entitled him to a place in that select company which included the names of Pasteur, Lister, and Koch.

He described Manson's work in China leading to the idea that a winged insect was the disseminator of disease germs, and that it was an essential link in the development of those parasites without whose agency it would cease entirely to exist, a new and startling fact in medicine and in biology in general. Manson's paper on the development of Filaria sanguinolenta hominis and on the mosquito considered as a nutrix, published in London in 1878, and received with consternation tinged with scepticism, proved a corner stone of tropical medicine, and entitled him to be regarded as a famous man. After describing Manson's further work in China, he pointed out that his achievements were all the more remarkable as he was working absolutely isolated from contact with other scientists or authorities and cut off from museums and libraries. Dealing with the period after Manson's return to London he dealt with his association with Ronald Ross. There had never been before such a close scientific collaboration, and it had culminated in the complete vindication of the theory of "Mosquito Manson," as he was then called, worked out to finality by the undying enthusiasm, persistence, ingenuity, and zeal of Ronald Ross.

Then came his association with Joseph Chamberlain, the most remarkable Colonial Secretary that the British Government had produced in modern times, and the foundation in 1899 of the London School of Tropical Medicine. Manson was the great original thinker of his time in the special department of

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repercussions on the political situation, as he holds a very important clique of political.

The Kuomintang split has been growing up for some time between the civilian elements of the Kuomintang, headed by Hu Han-min, and the military elements, headed by Chiang Kai-shek.

The latter to-day publicly expressed disapproval of Hu Han-min's attitude, charging him with insisting that the Government carry out his own wishes as head of the Government's legislative body, and refusing to abide by the decision of the majority of Government leaders.—Reuters.

Later. The acceptance of Mr. Hu Han-min's resignation has caused a sensation among the Chinese, and is expected to have very important

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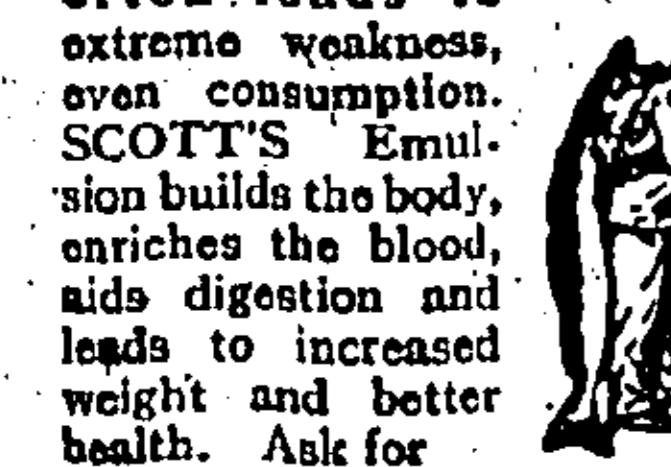
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Shanghai has been experiencing the severest winter for many years. This winding, misty trail scene was taken in the Jasfield Park District.



The snow "began in the gloaming" and "easily fell the whole night through" as Shanghai residents found recently. This picturesque view of a Shanghai suburban area shows Winter's mantle garbing the countryside.



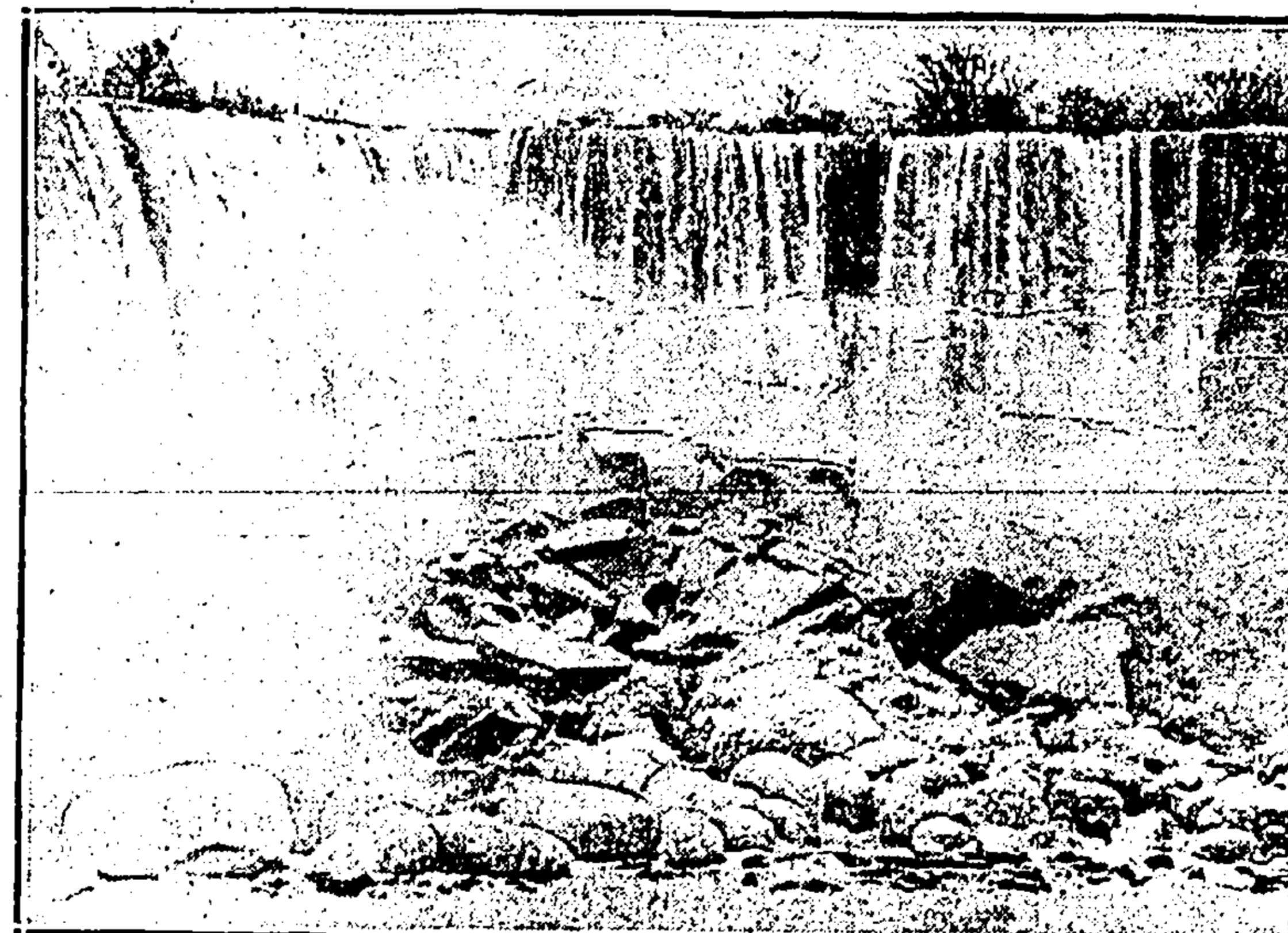
Peri of Boreham, a Chinchilla female, which won three first prizes and the championship at the recent London cat show.



Photo taken after the Shanghai wedding of Miss Lydia Rosenberg and Mr. F. W. Elner. Mr. Ginoika was best man, and the bridesmaids were the Misses Mary Elliott, Natalie Yutie and V. Morin.



An effective photograph, showing the snow. The view, unusual though it is, was a common one on Shanghai's district roads recently.



This picture shows how the changed contour of Niagara Falls looks like from below. Thousands of tons of rocks, some of them as large as houses, are heaped half-way up the face of the American falls. Left centre, the new gap in the crest of the cataract can be seen plainly.



Returning to America recently, Primo Carnora is shown above giving Miss May Lee a lift to get her first glimpse of New York's skyline.

In this nautical-looking costume, Mademoiselle Galli-Curci, the famous singer, appears as much at home on the high seas, as she usually is on the high O's. The photo was taken on a yacht off the Florida coast.



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NOTICE is hereby given that the 42nd Ordinary Annual Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the Company, Exchange Building, Des Voeux Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, on Wednesday, the 18th day of March, 1931, at 11.30 a.m., for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ended 31st December, 1930.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Wednesday, 4th March, 1931, to Wednesday, 18th March, 1931, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors, ALLAN KEITH, Secretary, Hongkong, 19th February, 1931.

THE HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB. ANNUAL RACE MEETING 1931.

28TH FEBRUARY, 2ND, 3RD, 4TH AND 7TH MARCH, 1931.

On Saturday, 28th February, the first race will be run at 1.30 p.m. and on all other days at 11.30 a.m. On the first day the first bell will be rung at 1 p.m. and on the other four days at 11 a.m.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE.

Members are reminded that they and their ladies must wear their badges prominently displayed.

No one without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure.

Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10.00 per day including tax—or \$40.00 including tax for the Meeting (ladies \$5.00 and \$20.00 respectively), are obtainable through the Secretary upon introduction by a Member, such Member to be responsible for all costs, &c.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the Race Course.

On no pretext will children be permitted in either enclosure during the first four days of the Meeting.

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The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$4.00 per day including tax for all persons, including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

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Passes for Servants will be issued on application to Messrs. Linstead and Davis, Alexandra Buildings.

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By Order,

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The ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, 1, Queen's Building, Victoria, Hongkong, on Thursday, 5th March, 1931, at 11 a.m., for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, and Electing Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from Friday, 20th February, 1931, to Thursday, 5th March, 1931, both days inclusive, during which period NO transfer of shares can be registered.

By order of the Board of Directors,

JOHN ARNOLD, Secretary.

Hongkong, 6th February, 1931.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

Notice is hereby given that the Forty-second Ordinary Yearly Meeting will be held at the Company's Offices, P. and O. Building, on Wednesday, 18th March, 1931, at 11 a.m., for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1930 and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Register of Members of the Company will be closed from 6th March, 1931 to 18th March, 1931, both days inclusive, during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

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The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 7th to the 18th March 1931, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors,

J. D. THOMSON,

Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, 27th February, 1931.

THE DAIRY FARM ICE & COLD STORAGE COMPANY, LTD.

NOTICE RE TRANSFER OF SHARES.

Shareholders are requested to note that no "New Issue" shares will be transferred until after the Transfer Books have been re-opened on the 19th March 1931.

By order of the Board of Directors,

J. D. THOMSON,

Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, 27th February, 1931.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE.

The Final Dividend declared for the Year ending 31st December, 1931 at the rate of Three Pounds Sterling together with a Bonus of One Pound Sterling at exchange 1/1½ is payable on and after the 2nd March, 1931, at the Offices of the Corporation, where shareholders are requested to apply for Warrants.

By order of the Board of Directors,

V. M. GRAYBURN,

Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 28th February, 1931.

THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING CO., LTD.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the Forty-seventh Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders in the above Company will be held at St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, Hongkong, on Friday, the 27th March, 1931, at 11 o'clock a.m., for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ended 31st December, 1930, and to transact the ordinary business of the Company.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be Closed from Saturday, 14th March, 1931, until Friday, 27th March, 1931, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors,

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,

General Managers.

Hongkong, 2nd March, 1931.

THE HONGKONG & KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN CO., LTD.

Notice to Shareholders.

THE FORTY-FOURTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on THURSDAY, the 19th March, 1931, AT NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1930.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from Friday, 20th February, 1931, to Thursday, 18th March, 1931, both days inclusive, during which period NO transfer of shares can be registered.

By order of the Board of Directors,

R. OHL, Agent.

Hongkong, 3rd March, 1931.

THE HONGKONG TECHNICAL INSTITUTE.

NOTICE.

The Institute will re-open on Wednesday, March 4th. Entry Forms and copies of Prospectus may be obtained at the Education Department or at the Central British School.

The Register of Members of the Company will be closed from 6th March, 1931 to 18th March, 1931, both days inclusive, during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD.

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Hongkong, 26th February, 1931.

NOTICE.

The Exchange Banks will be open at 9.30 a.m. and will close at 12 noon, for the transaction of Public Business on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th March (Race Meeting).

Hongkong, 26th February, 1931.

Lammert's Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

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Shanghai and Swatow Soochow March 4.

Japan Hawaii Maru March 5.

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WOMEN'S WORLD FOR OUR LADY READERS.

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Satin blouses to wear with new suits. There is a pale turquoise blue one, slightly gauged at shoulders and wrists, and made with the pretty draped neckline. Another in shell-pink satin, with the back and front fullness gathered into a narrow halter collar. And a third, in the modish oyster tint, with black lace at neck and wrists.

YOUR CHILDREN.

(By Olive Roberts Burton.)

Most of us know the mother whose child is never wrong. Her son fell through the ice because another boy dared him to go where the ice was thin. Her girl copied her nightwork from a neighbour because the teacher gave them too much homework to get through with. Her children are always in trouble because the neighbours pick quarrels.

They are bullied, dared, tempted, tormented, but when they get into trouble it is never their fault.

She goes to school, she calls up other mothers, she does a great deal of talking to everybody, and all she earns for herself is a reputation.

I shall make an exception here of the occasional mother who has a real complaint to make and who sees the opportunity for a little quiet correction of a difficult situation. That done I shall go back to the first, to her with the chronic complaint, who tries to shield the real truth from herself and the world, the real truth being that her children cannot meet the world as it is.

That boy who dared the skater, the teacher who probably overstepped herself in giving out homework, the irritating children next door, all represent something.

They represent the world, its problems and temptations and trials. Who, when this mother is gone, is going to fly around to her children's friends explaining, excusing and pleading that it was not their fault?

Character Spells Happiness.

No one, of course, and the world that also tries us gives us our rating. Every one of us, whether pauper or millionaire, brilliant or stupid, weak or strong, must stand on his own feet. And although men and children are not born with equal blessings, what we call blessings may be the very cross those born with them will have to bear, and the handicaps may be blessings.

Be that as it may, true happiness lies only in character. And I am just old-fashioned enough to believe in a certain law of compensation.

If this nervous mother wants her children to learn to live she will not try to shield them but instead she will try to develop

FASHION NOTES.

The Tunic Re-appears.

The tunic shows every indication of returning. Charming and becoming though it is, on the right person, no doubt many women will look askance at it, because when it was last in vogue, so many wrong people wore it. But, poor things, they had nothing else to wear, for in those days a garment was either in the forefront of fashion or it was nowhere, and there was no alternative but to accept it. To-day we have a wide choice.

But all this leaves the average woman in a most bewildered state of mind. "Do I change my waistline every time I change my frock? What is the smartest length for skirts?" she asks, and wonders dimly if her entire winter outfit represents a series of dreadful errors.

The answer is that, as suggested, your waistline should be where it suits you most. No doubt many women will rejoice at the return of the jumper, over which a belt is worn below the normal waist, and it is represented in some of the latest Paris collections.

As for skirt-lengths, these, too, are for you to decide. For evening, the only thing to wear is a long skirt, but not necessarily uneven; some of the smartest seem nearly to touch the ground, and are of equal length all round.

strength and happiness within themselves. She will teach them resistance to temptation, self-reliance, toleration and contentment. Also she will teach them that consequences of their own acts must be borne by them. We have no use for the latter, the complainer, the hinder-behind-skirts. And she is encouraging all three things.

Again I shall have to drag in the Spartan women who taught their sons to bear agony without complaint. Translating it into mental and emotional endurance, instead of physical, let me say this, that a child who knows he is doing the best he can won't be so very unhappy when he strikes a snare.

Besides we often have to bear the punishment for what other people do. Life again. And that isn't a bad thing to make clear to the children either.

SPRING FASHIONS.

A Great Number of Styles.

Women are a little overwhelmed at present by the number of styles which have been presented by the Paris dressmakers this season. And, in truth, at any fashionable gathering one does not see two women dressed alike, whereas a few short seasons ago they were positively uniform.

But order is returning once more in the dressmaking world, and it is interesting to note that the definite and clear opinions of the big designers are now emerging.

One, for example, advocates the Empire waist; another refuses to look at the normal waistline; the top of the hips is where all her belts are placed, and it's no good pretending that the result is not quite charming, very becoming, and most comfortable. The same dressmaker has decided upon short skirts—that is, two or three inches below the knee—for walking and country wear. They look extraordinarily short to one's eyes, accustomed by this time to skirts which cover the calf, but, on thinking out the matter, it is realized how eminently sensible is such a decision, which could only have been taken by a woman sure of herself.

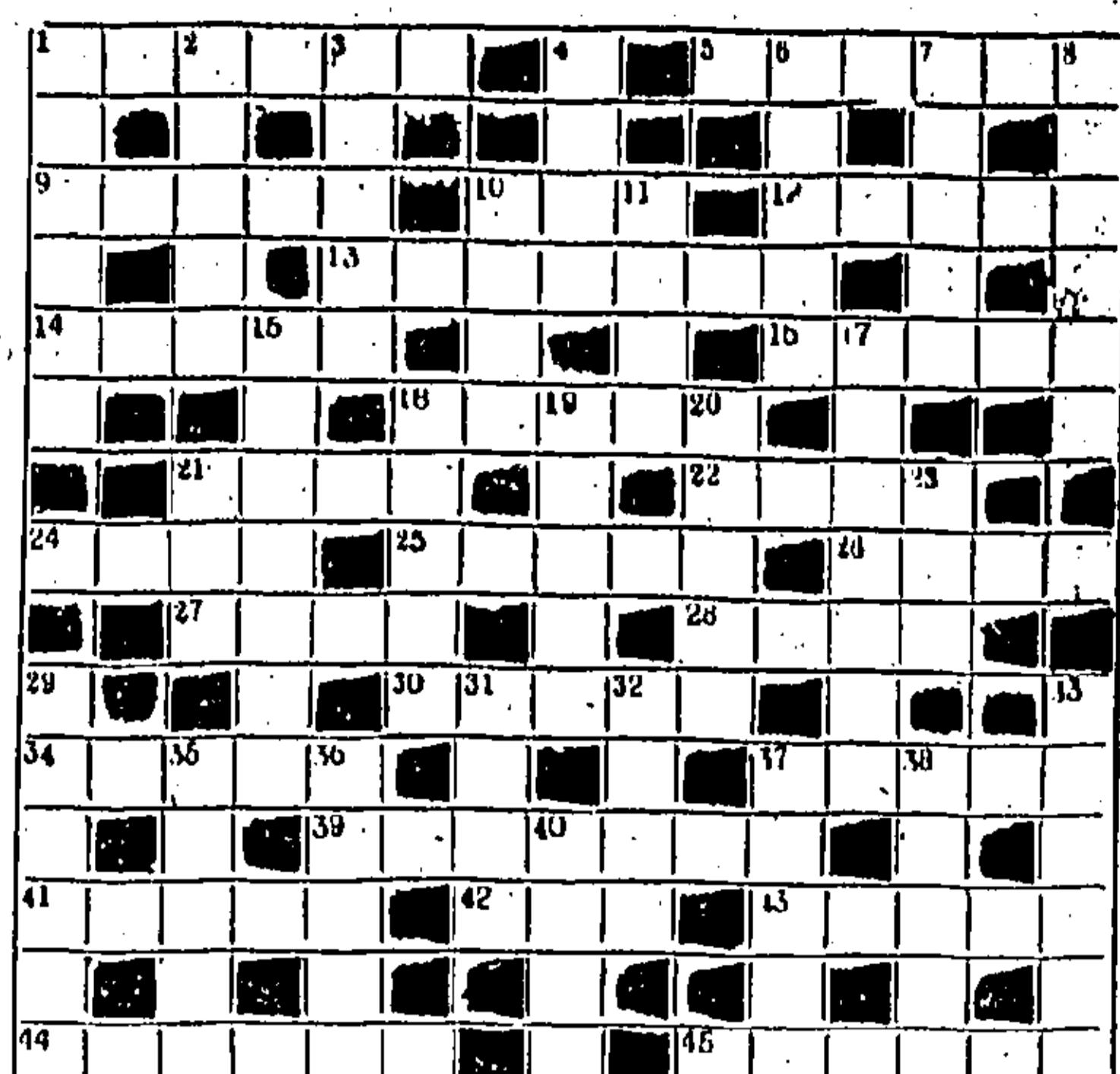
Another dressmaker has vetoed the tuck-in blouse for country wear. "For those who like it," she says, "good; but I consider a belted jumper preferable." One designer is even trying this idea out on an evening gown.

A Chic Model.



Above is pictured a pretty afternoon model. Developed in wine-red wool crepe, soft and fine as georgette, it has the modish draped and pouched bodice, and a four-tiered scalloped skirt, the scallops edged with silk braid.

OUR BRITISH CROSSWORDS.

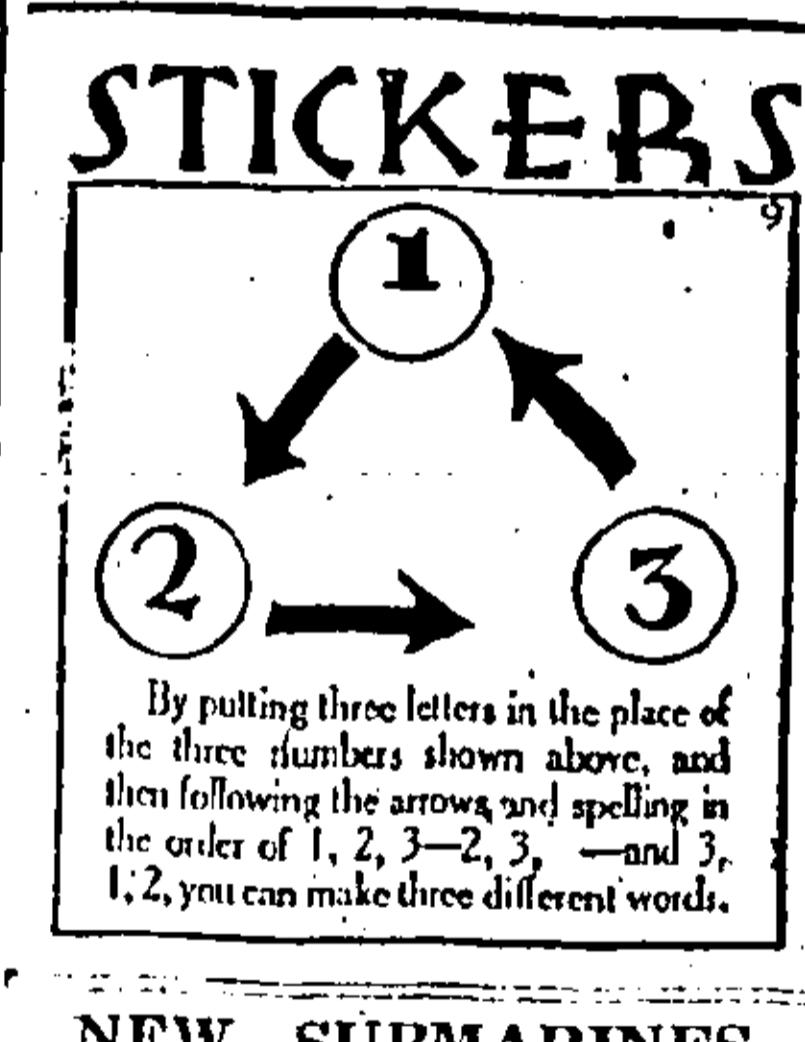


- Across
1 I travel slowly after cattle, but, for the most part, range far and wide.
6 Separate.
7 Try again—that's right.
8 These give.
9 Another form of 42 across.
11 This ox nuds up.
15 "O bell us" (anag.).
17 This English river starts all right, but there would seem to be more to come.
18 Mount.
19 This flighty weapon is slender if not quite narrow.
20 Record.
21 Back; if in front of a watch is unreasonable.
23 Girl's name.
29 Lie in bed and be spoken of freely.
31 Six went to a drachma.
32 Turn up.
33 A farmhouse and buildings, containing a kitchener.
35 You must this clue to complete the puzzle.
36 Brand Scotch.
37 Proverb.
38 Another name for 41-across.
40 Volume.

Yesterday's Solution

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EXALTED EROTTO
DEAKER HOSEN
NIGHTMESTRUMS
TPELICAN YNE
EVAN DITISLOGAN
KNTFADOTIUS
MATADOR ASSEGAI
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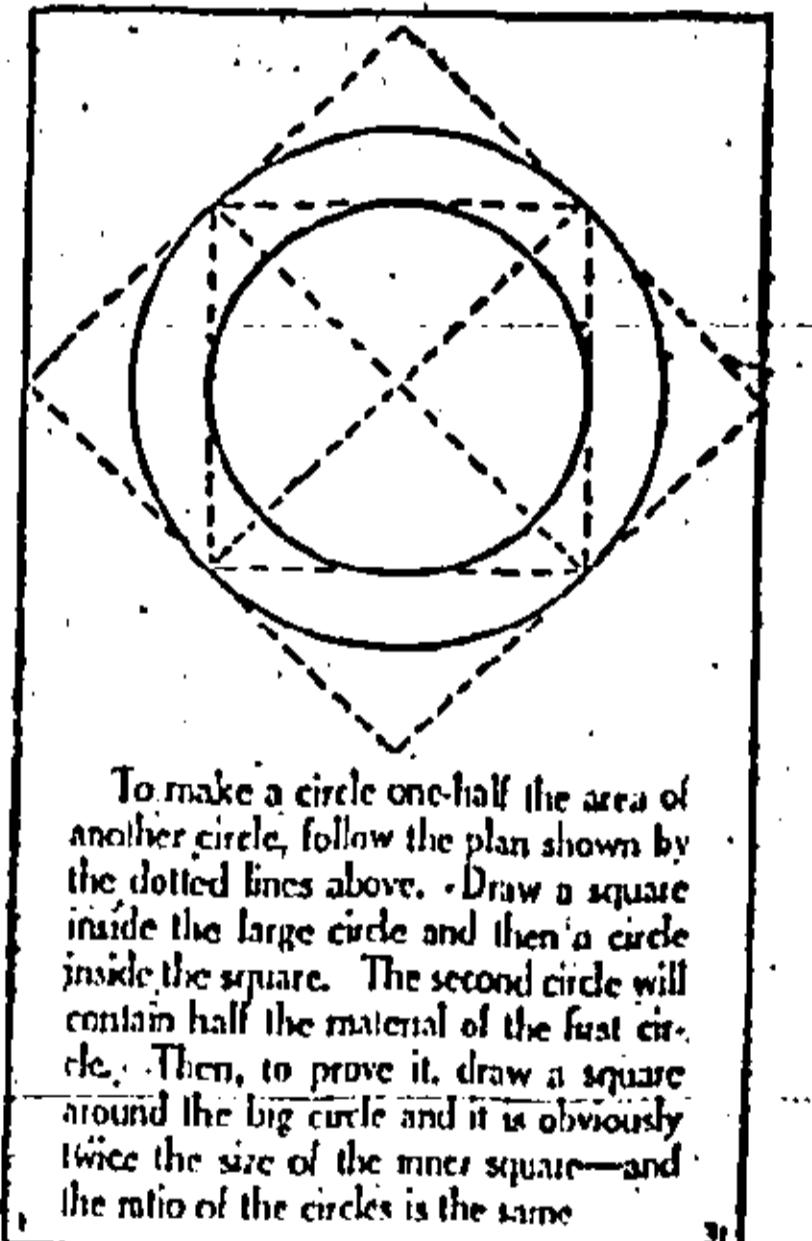
Yesterday's Solution.



By putting three letters in the place of the three numbers shown above, and then following the arrows and spelling in the order of 1, 2, 3—2, 3—and 2, 1, 2, you can make three different words.

Down

- 1 Blemish.
2 This old game of cards contributes largely to melancholy.
3 Set upright, and you will find that it begins sooner.



To make a circle one-half the area of another circle, follow the plan shown by the dotted lines above. Draw a square inside the large circle and then a circle inside the square. The second circle will contain half the material of the first circle. Then, to prove it, draw a square around the big circle and it is obviously twice the size of the inner square—and the ratio of the circles is the same.

NEW SUBMARINES.

PERSONS AND POSEIDON ARRIVE IN PORT.

Leaving Singapore on February 21, the two new "P" Class submarines, Perseus and Poseidon, arrived in Hongkong on Friday and are now alongside the H.M.S. Medway at No. 2 Naval Buoy.

The Perseus and Poseidon are two of four of Britain's largest and newest submarines which set out from Portsmouth for Hongkong early in December, the other two being the Pandora and Proteus. They were intended to form a new flotilla to replace the vessels of the "L" Class, which were withdrawn sometime ago.

The Pandora and Proteus, it will be recalled, came into collision 80 miles from Gibraltar Straits. The Pandora's bows were damaged and a big hole was torn under the water line. The Proteus was damaged aft. No one was injured, and the vessels were docked at Gibraltar. They will be here in due course after repairs.

Lt. Comdr. G. A. W. Voelcker is in command of the Perseus, and Lt. Comdr. B. W. Galpin of the Poseidon.

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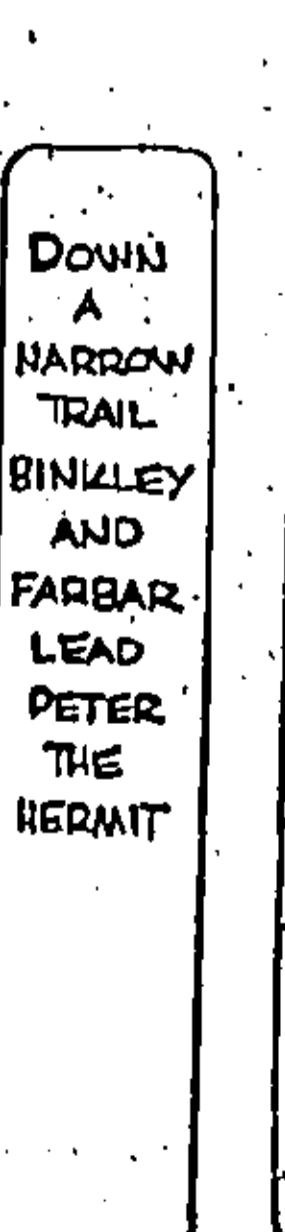


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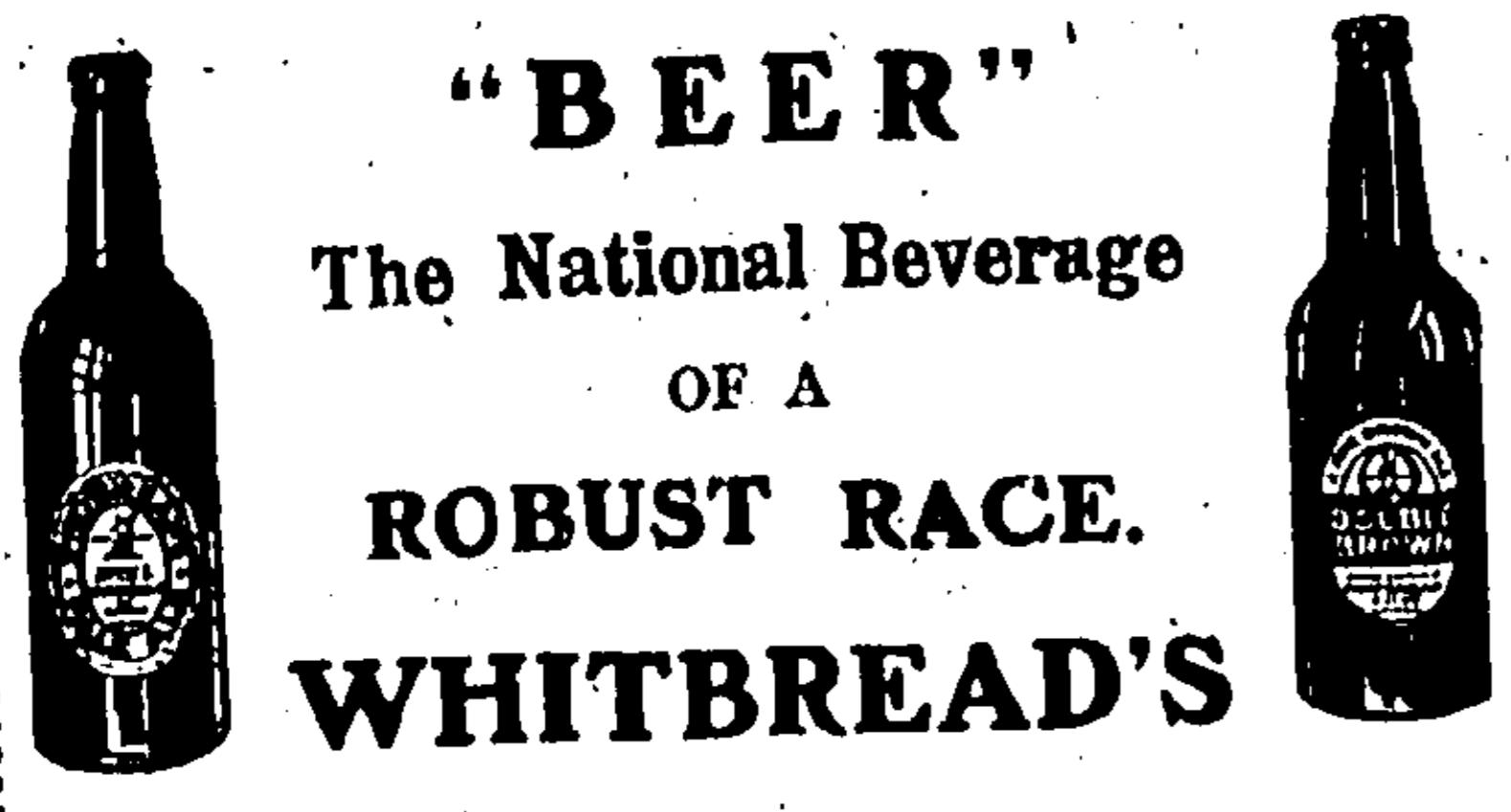


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The Hongkong Telegraph.

TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 1931.

CURRENCY & TRADE.

Those who had hoped for any extensive reference to the silver crisis at the annual meeting of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation must have been extremely disappointed, since the question was but lightly touched upon in the lengthy speech from the chair. The possibility of silver values improving some time in the dim future as a result of the operation of natural forces was mentioned, but there was nothing in the speech to suggest that any degree of stability must mean an easing of the position locally at least, whilst at the same time creating confidence in the Colony as a trade base.

Public Health.

Professor Gerrard, initiating the annual health campaign which is being conducted this week among the Chinese community, gave the organisers some very practical advice concerning the education of the public in health matters, particularly in the direction of establishing more firmly the realm of preventive medicine. As he pointed out, the extremely valuable work which has been done by the Chinese Medical Association and collaborating associations in past years, which it is hoped to consolidate and amplify this week, entitle these organisations to the highest public confidence and esteem. This is especially true of a group of enthusiasts who need not be named. At the same time, we cannot help feeling, after Professor Gerrard's survey of the problems and the difficulties, that the thing is becoming too big and its importance too vital, for contentment with what propaganda is possible during one short week in a year. Pure air, pure water, pure food, adequate sunlight, good housing conditions, cleanliness in personal, domestic and civic habits, common sense in eating and drinking and opportunities of the health of the individual and the community. A glance from the upper levels, the city of Victoria, in all its ugliness, with row upon row of crowded slum tenements, coupled with the realisation of the needs of the community if disease is to be prevented and controlled, appeals even those whose only part in the campaign of health takes the form of encouragement. The actual workers too must feel despondent of genuine progress sometimes. Yet when the time comes for the annual drive, they are out again persevering, willing, even enthusiastic. Because of this, it would seem a great asset if their labours could be supplemented during the "close season." A weekly newspaper article, published in all the Chinese journals, and similar forms of propaganda could be employed to great advantage.

Two marines from H.M.S. Cumberland who attempted to drive off in a motor car outside the City Hall on Saturday night were seen by Sgt. McGinnis, of the Traffic Police. He gave chase and with the assistance of an Indian constable caught both men. They had been handed over to the naval authorities.

between China and the rest of the world must suffer. The situation to-day, however, is that there is no stability whatever in the silver market, a fact which must make trade adjustment extremely difficult. Little emphasis is needed on the point that commerce can adjust itself to a stable factor much more expeditiously and effectively than to one which is constantly varying. For this reason, China's eventual adoption of a gold standard will prove an estimable boon both to herself and to those countries with whom she trades.

The point we have made in regard to trade adjusting itself to monetary values is one which deserves attention in relation to the purely local question of the future of Hongkong's currency. It has been freely asserted that for Hongkong to "go gold" would be disastrous from the trading point of view. This, we may be sure, is the main issue with which the Currency Mission from Home will be concerned. If, however, trade will regain its equilibrium irrespective of currency values, it surely follows that Hongkong has nothing to fear if it stabilises its dollar irrespective of what China does. It cannot be too often stressed that Hongkong's primary assets are its geographical position, the services it can offer, and the security assured to those who make it a base for their commercial activities. These are the factors which bring trade through the Colony for the China market, factors which do not obtain elsewhere, with currency as a more or less secondary consideration. Stability must mean an easing of the position locally at least, whilst at the same time creating confidence in the Colony as a trade base.

A public car carrying two coolie women overturned in Hennessy Road early this morning. The women were slightly injured and admitted to the Government Civil Hospital, but the driver escaped with a few scratches.

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The American Consulate at Shanghai will appreciate receiving information regarding the late John Burleigh Wright, who died at the Shanghai General Hospital on February 20, 1931.

The Race Meet which was to take place on the new Racetrack at Shekpal, Canton, on Sunday, was postponed at the last minute owing to bad weather. It is hoped that it will take place on Sunday, March 8th.

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COLONIAL NAVAL DEFENCE.**MEASURE WHICH MAY AFFECT HONGKONG.****BILL BECOMES LAW.**

London, Mar. 2.
The House of Commons to-day agreed to the third reading of the Colonial Naval Defence Bill.

The measure has already been passed by the House of Lords and it therefore now becomes law.—*Reuter*.

During the second reading of the Bill in the House of Commons, Hongkong was mentioned in the course of the debate. Rear Admiral Beamish (Con., Lewes), in a speech on the subject, said:—

If we can impress on the Colonies the necessity for their own defence, and how welcome would be their aid in the event of the Empire getting into trouble, we shall do a great deal of good by discussing this Bill.

At the present time something like 25s. a head is paid for the naval defence of the country, but in many of our Colonies vast sums of money are made by people who live and have their business in those Colonies and in most instances do not pay anything directly towards the defence of this country, and of the Empire and of the Colony in which they live. I am delighted to see in this Bill the two provisions which have been mentioned, one empowering the Colonies to combine and the other in regard to the training of naval ratings and officers from the Colonies. I think that those parts of the Bill are altogether to the good.

In winding up the debate, Mr. C. G. Ammon, Parliamentary Secretary to the Admiralty, said:—Up to now there are no Colonies which have either ships or personnel, but we hope that, coming out of this Bill, that may actually happen, giving them the facility now to combine together in order to provide both the necessary ships and personnel for their respective defence forces. It is also anticipated that Ceylon and Malaya may come into this scheme, though not as a combination. The sloops are not within the limits of the Naval Treaty and would be suitable for the particular Colonies to raise.

A NEW RELIGION.**G. K. CHESTERTON'S FORECAST.**

New York, Jan. 28.
A New York audience has just voted, by 2,359 to 1,022, that "the world will return to religion."

The vote followed a debate between the greatest American criminal lawyer, Mr. Clarence Darrow who defended Scopes in the Tennessee Evolution Trial, and Mr. G. K. Chesterton.

Taking the negative view, Mr. Darrow said: "I never yet knew a man who thoroughly believed in his own religion."

"The very idea of religion is based on crude and uninformed theories of the universe. Millions have freed themselves from it and now laugh at it."

"Man does not need religion, he merely turns to it weakly in moments of stress for consolidation."

Replies Mr. Chesterton: "I think we shall see two big movements, on the one side towards Roman Catholicism, and on the other to some new religion that may be an amalgamation of other creeds, possibly drawing much of its strength from Spiritualism or Christian Science."

"I base this prediction on the fact that the world has never yet failed to return to religion after a period of scepticism and agnosticism. Eddington, Jeans and other great scientists of to-day are on the side of religion."

"Even if religion were all a delusion, it would still be necessary, because man is a creature not complete without it."

AN HONOUR FOR MR. CHARLES CHAPLIN.**LABOUR M.P.'S SUGGESTION TO PRIME MINISTER.**

London, Feb. 25.
Mr. Joseph W. Toole, Labour member of Parliament for South Salford, has written a letter to the Prime Minister, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, in which he says: "I respectfully suggest that it would be a fitting thing, during the visit to this country of Mr. Charles Chaplin, that some distinction should be conferred on him. The whole world is indebted to this wonderful Englishman who has by his art made the children and elders of all countries happy by his performances on the screen."

CHARLIE CHAPLIN'S NEW FILM.**"CITY LIGHTS" TO MAKE HIM A MILLIONAIRE.**

Los Angeles, Jan. 29.
Charlie Chaplin's eagerly awaited new film, "City Lights," was given its first performance at Los Angeles to-day.

This is the first important Hollywood picture to be produced without dialogue for two years, but Chaplin has used music and sound effects as an integral part of its humour.

For example, the audience hears weird noises which result when he swallows a whistle or when he eats spaghetti, the patter of his feet and the crashing blows of a prize fight in which he is pulverised.

Chaplin has also composed most of the synchronised music for the film, and he uses it to heighten the emotional atmosphere of certain scenes.

There are three leading characters—a tramp, played by Chaplin, a blind flower girl by Virginia Cherrill (a discovery by Chaplin), who is making her screen debut in this film; and an eccentric millionaire named by Harry Myers.

The tramp, in his efforts to raise sufficient money for an operation which will restore the girl's sight, finds in one scrape after another, Chaplin's fantastic humour and fertility of invention contriving endless complications.

The boxing match is a brilliant piece of foolery equal to anything this great comedian has ever given the public.

One of Chaplin's difficulties is that the eccentric millionaire who has befriended him recognises him only when drunk and spurns him when sober. Chaplin has dissuaded him from suicide in a river and nearly drowned himself in the attempt, but finds himself in gaol in his efforts to enlist the millionaire's support for the flower girl.

A Love Story.

A delicately sentimental and pathetic love story of the flower girl and the tramp is threaded through the wild comedy of Chaplin's quest for riches, and the ending, though happy, is unconventional. The comedian originally intended that his boyhood memories of South London should be used as the background for the scene of the film to make it representative of any big city.

Chaplin has fixed the date of the New York premiere for Feb. 6, and hopes to sail for England the following week. He is asking unprecedentedly high fees for the rental of "City Lights," and hopes to net over £1,000,000 from the world rights.

SPECULATION ON NAVAL PACT.

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offset Germany's "pocket" battleships; Italy to build two of smaller tonnage.

Fear is expressed lest Britain should consider it necessary to increase her own submarine tonnage to offset France, in which case it might be necessary for Japan to exercise her rights under Article 21 of the London Treaty to do likewise.—*Reuter*.

American Opinion.

Washington, Mar. 2.

Well-informed circles are of opinion that the naval agreement is acceptable to the United States. They assume that the proposed changes are of a minor character, compared with the London agreement, and will not affect vitally either the United States or Japan.—*Reuters American Service*.

Watch for It.**For GINGER'S SAKE!****Starting****TO-MORROW.****JAPANESE TENNIS STARS.****BRILLIANT DISPLAY GIVEN YESTERDAY.**

Yamagishi and Shimura, the leading doubles players of Japan, continued their run of successes which they enjoyed in the Manila Olympic Game recently, by trouncing local players in a series of exhibition matches on the Club ground yesterday.

The Rumjahn cousins were their victims in the doubles encounter, though only after a stiff fight, whilst Paul Kong and C. A. L. Rumjahn provided very little opposition in the singles.

The blank and damp conditions were not conducive to the players to give of their best, but the tennis did not fall much below standard, and a large crowd were fully satisfied with the display.

The doubles match was a very happy-go-lucky affair, with the Rumjahn cousins endeavouring to force the pace from the start. Up to a point they were successful, but they could not entirely break through the steady defence of the visitors, who, after extracting the stings from the Indians' attack, launched a counter-offensive with some brilliant smashing which the locals could not withstand.

It was a game in which all four players shone at intervals.

C. A. L. Rumjahn, although exploiting the majority of his spin shots, failed to get past the steady defence of Shimura, and, led into minkling overhead blunders, he lost in straight sets. Shimura's placements were cleverly effected, and Rumjahn was worried out of his length by the persistent accuracy of the Japanese returns.

Paul Kong engaged Yamagishi in the other singles, and gave his most disappointing display in Hongkong to date. He failed to find his touch throughout, and Yamagishi's love-sists won were evidence of the poorness of the game.

The scores were:

Yamagishi beat Paul Kong, 6-0.

Yamagishi and Shimura beat the Rumjahns, 4-6, 6-2, 6-3.

Shimura beat C. A. L. Rumjahn, 6-2, 6-2.

SHARE PRICES.**TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.**

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:

Banks.

Hongkong Bank, \$21,023½ n. x Div. Chartered Bank £16½ n. Mercantile A. and B., £23½ n. East Asia \$116 b.

Insurances.

Canton Ins., \$1300 b. Union Ins., \$645 n. North China Ins., Tls. 160 b. China Underwriters, \$3,500 b. Yangtze Ins., \$50 n. China Fires, \$535 b. H. K. Fire Ins., \$1305 n.

Shipping.

Douglas, \$27 s. H. K. Steamboats, \$26.75 s. Indo-Chinas, (Def.) \$30 n. Union Waterboats, \$37 n.

Mining.

Bengt, \$10¼ n. Kai Lian, 36/3 n. Shih Explorations, Tls. 2½ n. Raubs 40¾ n.

Docks, etc.

Kowloon Wharves, \$172 s. Whampoa Docks, \$30½ b. South China Motors \$10 n. China Providents, \$5,400 b. (old). Hongkewa, Tls. 274 b. New Engineers, Tls. 5½ b. Shanghai Docks, Tls. 110 b.

Cottons.

Ewo Cotton, Tls. 15.95 n. Shih Cotton Tls. 108 (old) n. Lands, Hotels, etc. H. and S. Hotels, \$12,85 s. H. K. Land, \$84¾ b. Shih Land Tls. 410 b. Humpreys, \$16.85 n. Realties, \$9.60 b.

Public Utilities.

Tramways, \$17.60 b. Peak Trams, (old) \$14½ n. Star Ferries, \$88 b. China Lights, (old) \$25 b. H. K. Electric, \$80 b. Telephones, \$42 b. China Buses, Tls. 19 n. Singapore Tractions, 6/6 s.

Industries.

China Sugars, 80 cts. n. Malabon, \$56 b. Canton Ices, \$5.40 s. Cement (Comb.) \$16.00 b. Ropes, \$14.20 b. Venz: Goldfields \$3.60 b.

Stores, etc.

Dairy Farms, \$26.10 s. Watson, \$13.40 n. Dor A. Wings, \$1 n. Lane Crawfords, \$3.90 b. Mackintosh, \$20 n. Sinceres, \$18¾ n.

Miscellaneous.

Amusements, \$26½ n. Constructions, \$5.50 b. B'que Ind. G. Bonds, \$68 % prem. H.K.G. Loan 7% prem.

THE BABBITTS.

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Mr. Sinclair Lewis—to provide the needed cloak of anonymity. Otherwise there shall be no departure from literal accuracy.

The preliminary were a little disturbing. I found my way to the ante-chamber of the hotel ball-room, where the business magnates of Zenith were to dine, and hesitantly disclosed my incongruous identity. Everyone was polite, but I felt from the first how little heartiness nature had infused into my frigid make-up. Everypony was Fred or George or Jim, and most of them were in real estate, a calling which seems to emanate a special heartiness of its own.

The same sort of forthrightness had been responsible for the heading, "HARRIS TO TALK BEFORE CHAMBER," in the local paper, betraying the sub-editor's gratifying confidence that the one and only Harris of any consequence in either hemisphere could need no further description.

But enough of irrelevances. In due course the company was seated (15 minutes had been left for that process in the schedule), and the chairman announced, after some bantering with the gavel, that Pastor Johnson would render the invocation—in England we usually call it grace.

The Hip Flask.

Then the realtors of Zenith fell to eating. The realtors of Zenith also fell to drinking. Not, indeed, from every hip was the flask with its seductive and stimulating contents drawn, but from a startling number of them. The drinker in a prohibition country is always hospitable. To defy the law beyond your own closed doors is a dull diversion. So every flask that appeared was soon going its rounds, becoming progressively heartier still. To that there were some drawbacks. It is well, no doubt, sometimes, for tongues to be loosened, but not, for preference, when public speeches are in progress of delivery.

The loosening, moreover, developed as the night advanced—and I was the last of the speakers on the list (as a climax, not an afterthought, I would hasten to explain). Before it fell to the President to expatiate on the growth of Zenith—to the great profit, obviously, of Zenith realtors. I took no note of the statistics, but they were impressive. Comparisons with Chicago and Philadelphia were freely drawn. Population expanding, site-values rising, new bridges and subways in contemplation—the depression had clearly left the township of Zenith unscathed.

Traction corporations, public utilities, private interests—technical terminology and shattering statistics were omitted in a steady flow for the benefit of a company which fortunately had its flasks to drain and the intimate conversation of Fred or George to listen to in preference—the speakers on the programme.

I Go On the Air.

About this time, by the way, there was considerable anxious talk about going on the air. We went on the air (in simpler English, though the explanation is no doubt superfluous, began to be broadcast), at 9.30, and the agenda had to be carefully handled so that the expectant public from Miami to Los Angeles should get the cream of the entertainment. It got me, among other things.

By the time I rose the room was half empty (I understand there were undiverted liquid attractions elsewhere) and the announcement of my name and subject had much the same effect on the remaining half as a cry of fire outside.

But I carried on, Zenith Chamber of Commerce had asked to hear about the United States of Europe, and it should hear it in the person of its President at least, for he, at any rate, could not desert his post. But going on the air was fatal. I can talk peacefully through a microphone as well as most men. I can make my voice heard above a buzz of conversation (there was sufficient audience left to make a quite substantial buzz), better than some. But I have never pretended to be able to combine the two. The audience was too obtrusive to be ignored, and so I shouted. What it sounded like to the radio audience I have not heard, and trust I never shall.

However, Zenith Chamber of Commerce was pleased. Even as I am writing this article I have received an official letter saying how pleased it was. Why, you may reasonably ask. I give the explanation that was given to me. Zenith loves, among other things, culture. The advance publicity announcing that someone, however obscure (and Zenith knows nothing about his obscurity), was coming from England to address the Zenith Chamber on the United States of Europe, put that body forthwith on a level with the American Academy of Political Science.

CINEMA NOTES.**NORMA SHEARER IN "LET US BE GAY."**

Norma Shearer is starred by Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer in the picturization of "Let Us Be Gay," which is showing at the Queen's Theatre. This is Miss Shearer's fifth talking picture and is regarded by critics as the smartest performance of her career. Miss Shearer made her audible debut in "The Trial of Mary Dugan" and her last role was in the sensational "The Iron Divorce."

Robert Z. Leonard, who directed "The Divorce," is again credited with the direction of this new Shearer film. Recognised as one of the screen's foremost directors in silent films, Leonard has more than equalled this repetition since the advent of talkies, filming "Marianne" and "In Gay Madrid" before directing Miss Shearer.

The story is from the sophisticated stage play of the same name in which Francelle Larrimore scored on the New York stage.

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Director and Star Turn "Musheers"

George O'Brien, featured in the Fox Movietone all-talking drama of the year, "Musheers," and Eric Linden, director of "Tough Romance," and Eric Linden, director of "Tough Romance," are on location in the Cascade Range back of Tacoma, Washington.

Location headquarters had been established in National Park Inn at Longmire and O'Brien and Erickson with a few others, had gone on up the slope of Mount Rainier, in advance of the main party which was to bring equipment by dog sled.

A blizzard came up and the dog sled party found itself almost at a standstill. Learning of this, Erickson with O'Brien, a famous athlete as well as screen star, went down to the stalled sleds and put their shoulders into the task of aiding the almost exhausted dogs. Miss Helen Chandler, noted for her work as heroine of "The Sky Hawk," plays opposite O'Brien in "

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FANLING HUNT.

STANDARD MAINTAINED LAST WEDNESDAY.

Hounds met at Dill's Corner on the last Wednesday in the month and maintained the high level of sport shown during the last fortnight.

The weather was again kind to us, rain the previous day had made the ground excellent. Scenting conditions were fair only, a rise of a degree or two in the temperature actually occurring after 3 p.m. This probably accounted for Rainbow and Rippler, two of the best hounds, running a trifle ahead of the remainder of the pack.

A few minutes after 3.15 Capt. Mould moved off to draw the same cover that was drawn at the opening meet.

Rippler and Rainbow were away mute from cover and were not followed by the remainder of the pack until they were quite a quarter of a mile ahead. Pessimists foretold a bad run with the line fouled by the leading hounds. This actually was not the case; tail hounds hunted the line well together and at a very fair pace.

The line ran in a large circle to finish across some bare paddies, which gave excellent going for not far from the draw.

After a short pause, Mr. Corbett, who as usual was the fox, and a very crafty one too, left to lay the second line. After giving the fox the usual fifteen minutes' grace, hounds were again put on near Dill's Corner, but this time to run South of Pott's Bungalow. Rainbow and Rippler again led by some distance, but a loop in the line put tail hounds up again and the whole pack went away at a good pace after the fox, who had set his mask for the Indies' Golf Course. Shortly after crossing the road "Mary" made one of her rare mistakes. (How are the mighty fallen!).

The field had to go hard to be in sight of hounds at all. Mr. Alec Potts took a ten foot drop jump into an empty water hole and parted company; fortunately he was not hurt.

The fox meantime had been viewed, Mr. Corbett had to gallop hard in order to save his brush, hounds eventually catching him between Potts' Bungalow and the new Course.

We were very glad to see Mr. and Mrs. Alec Potts out again. This is the first time Mr. Potts has been out since he broke his wrist hunting last month. Amongst others we noticed Miss Scott Harston and Mrs. Anderson. The field was smaller than usual - on this occasion fifteen.

Thursday's meet is at the Kennels and is a bye-day. This is a change from normal, but Thursday is a non-racing day.

The Acting Master will probably try to hunt the real article on this occasion.

Messrs. Thomson and Co. will shortly publish a list of forthcoming meets.

CORRESPONDENCE.

A Hockey League.

[To The Editor of Hongkong Telegraph.]

Sir.—"Enthusiast's" letter published in your paper on the 20th February does not seem to have evoked much enthusiasm from local hockey clubs. Perhaps secretaries are rather shy of the additional work the formation of a league would entail, or may be the lack of interest is just plain "Hong-kongitis".

I know of one club which will be only too pleased to assist in the formation of a league, the name of which I shall be glad to supply to any hockey club secretaries who may be interested.

Thanks are due to Messrs. Gilman and Co. for their kind offer of a challenge shield.

Wake up, hockey fans, and get together for a little more organization.

BACK STICK.

BOXING.

CITY HALL

Thursday, 5th March, 1931,
at 9.15 p.m.

MAIN EVENT

Middle-Weight Championship
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General Public: Wednesday, 4th and Thursday, 5th March.
Ringside Seats \$5.50;
Others \$2.30 and \$1.10.
Including Amusement Tax.

RIFLE MEETING.

LAST SUNDAY'S SHOOT AT KOWLOON.

Teams drawn from the Petty Officers, H.M.S. Sandwich, and members H.K.S. 1st R.A., Sergeants-Mess, met in a shoot held at Kowloon on Sunday. Five practices were fired, and were very keenly contested. At the finish of practice No. 4, both teams were all square. The Bobbing Jinnie at the last range saw the Mess just get home by a small margin of eight points.

For the Mess, Weyman scored four short of a possible, with Russell close up. Johnson with 86 and Hardy and Francis 82, were the pick of the P.O.'s Team. Both teams included one Officer.

Scores:

Petty Officers.	
Lieut. Medley	66
P.O. Johnson	86
P.O. Francis	82
P.O. Cook	64
P.O. Hardy	82
P.O. Richards	73
P.O. Middlecome	77
P.O. Hine	66
Total	596

Mess.	
Lieut. Waring	70
B.Q.M.S. Hill	60
B.Q.M.S. Weyman	96
Sergeant Russell	90
Sergeant De La Haye	83
Sergeant Dunn	77
Sergeant Williams	71
Sergeant Harbour	67
Total	604

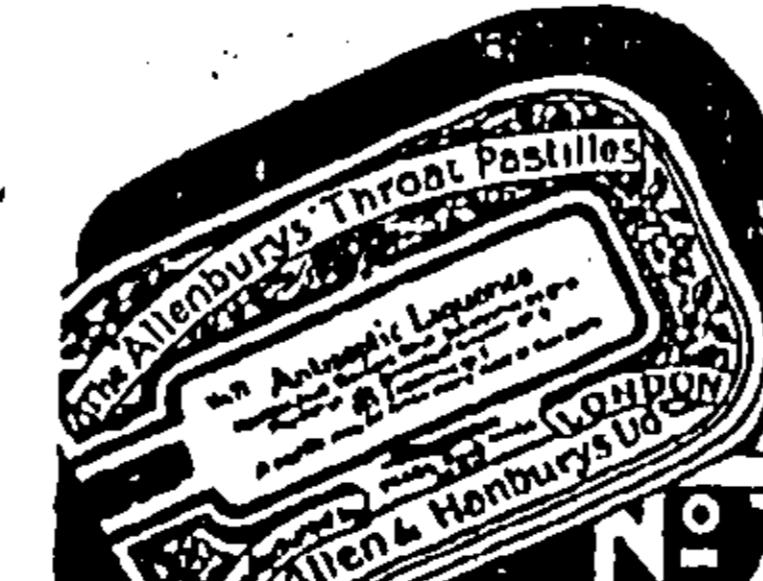
FANLING GOLF.

FEBRUARY RESULT IN THE FELIX ELLIS CUP.

In play for the Felix Ellis Cup for February, A. G. Coppin (2 down) qualifies.



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LOCAL CRICKET.

K.C.C. EASILY DEFEAT THE VOLUNTEERS YESTERDAY.

The cricket match, commenced on Sunday, between the Kowloon Cricket Club and the Volunteers, was resumed yesterday and resulted in an easy victory for the K.C.C. by nine wickets. Scoring 100 high in the first day's play, the Volunteers, knocking up 272 in their first innings, Kowloon were 42 runs behind at the close of play. E. F. Finch being then 76 not out and Lyle 4 not out. These two remained Kowloon's innings yesterday, but Finch did not stay long, being bowled by Beck after he had added nine to his over-night score, Lyle and Burnett then made a stand, and enabled Kowloon to take a lead of 28 runs on the first innings.

G. C. Burnett did all the damage for Kowloon in the Volunteers' second innings. He was mainly responsible for the low score of 72 put up by the Volunteers, capturing eight wickets for only 26 runs. Griffiths was the only man to make anything of a show, scoring more than half his side's total.

Score:

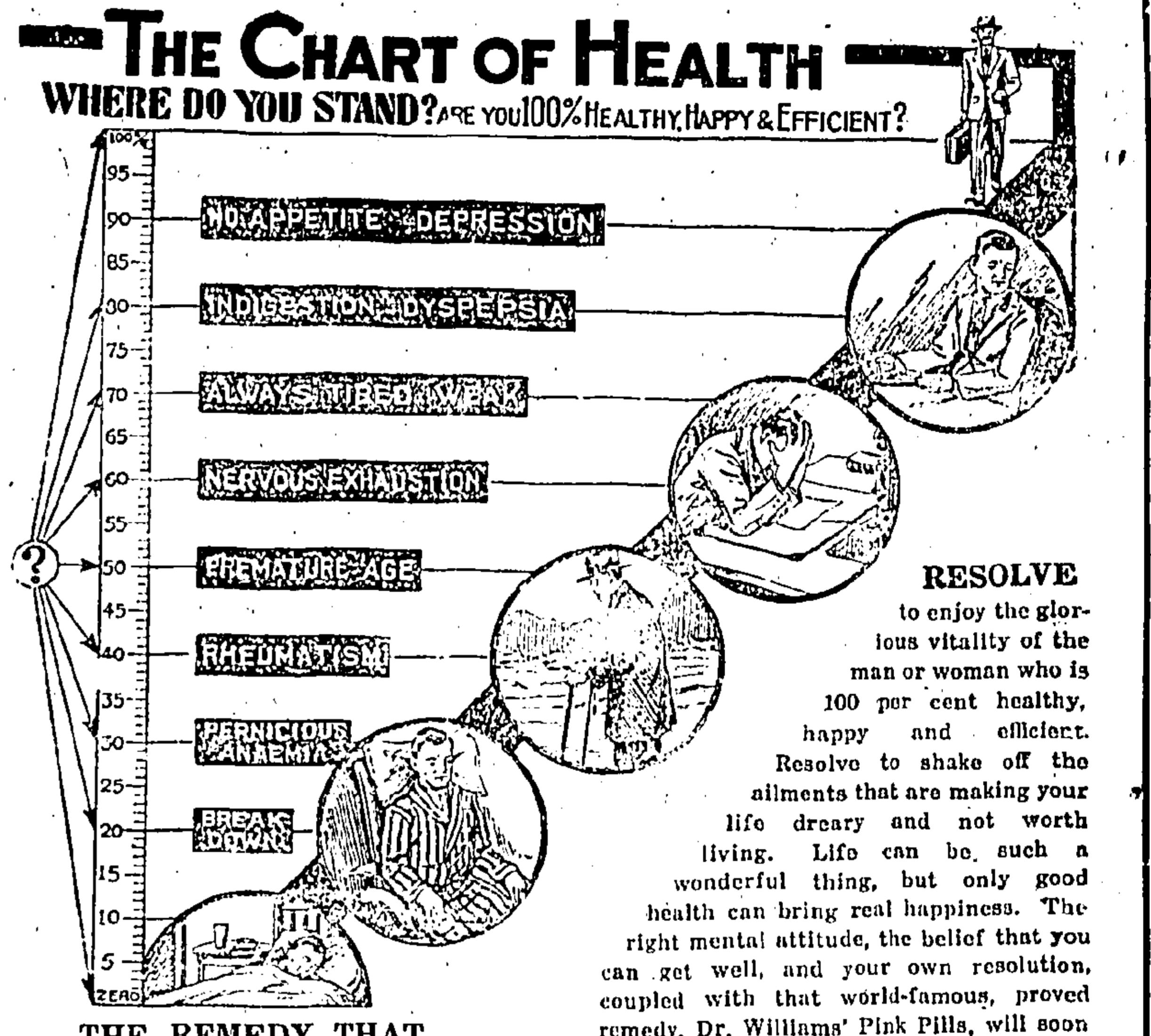
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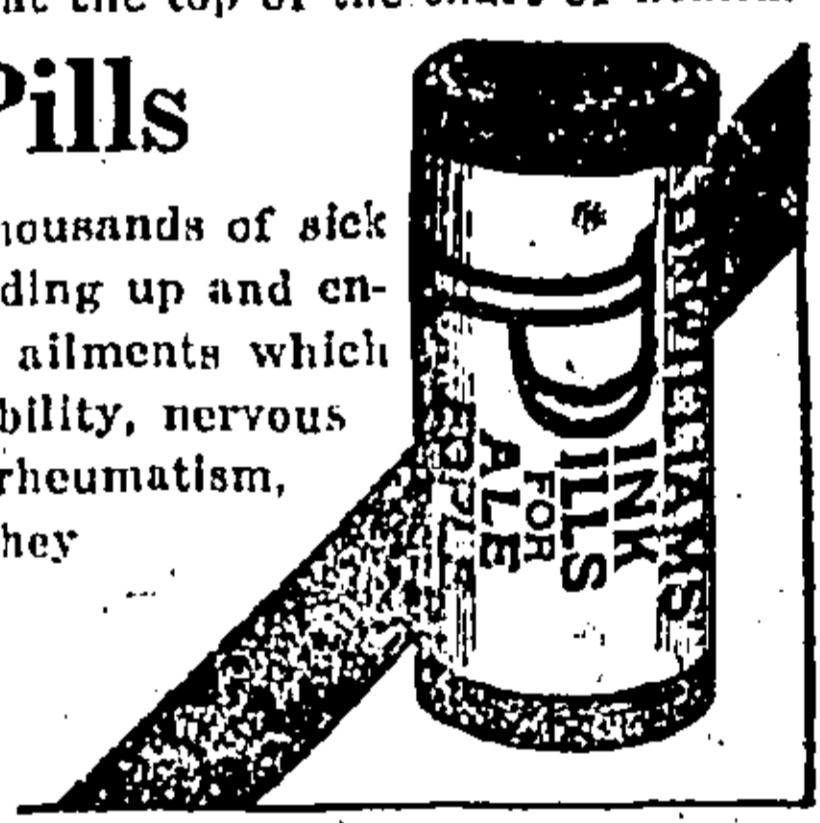


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Murder At Bridge

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CHAPTER XLVIII

"That would be impossible," Miles said. "Your wife is already dead." Then, silencing the hoarse outburst of the man and the screams of the women, came slow, terrible words: "Tracey Arthur Miles, I arrest you for the murder of your wife, known as Juanita Leigh Selim, and for the murder of Dexter Sprague. And it is my duty to warn you that anything you say may be used against you!"

Tracey Miles lifted his ash-colored face and stared at the detective blankly, as though he had gone deaf and blind. "All—over—isn't it? May I have—a drink?" he managed to articulate at last.

"Poor devil! He needs it," the too soft-hearted young detective told himself, as Tracey Miles poured a drink from the almost empty whisky decanter and raised the glass to his lips.

"I have—nothing—to say!" the murderer gasped thickly, then fell heavily to the floor.

It was three-quarters of an hour later. District Attorney Sanderson, Captain Strawn and Dundee were alone in the house where Nita Selim had been murdered and where her husband had confessed his crimes by committing suicide. The morgue ambulance had come and gone.

"I should have known," Dundee admitted ruefully, as the three men entered Nita's bedroom, "that so ingenious a criminal as Tracey Miles would not have failed to provide against the possibility of discovery. He must have snatched an opportunity to spill cyanide of potassium into the decanter when my eyes were off him for a moment—and upon Lois Dunlap."

"I'm glad he did," Sanderson said curtly. "But it was ghastly that poor Lois had to know that it was she, in all innocence, who fired the gun."

"It was," Dundee sighed, "But I believed that the only way I could make Miles to confess was to frighten him into thinking Flora would be killed."

"Captain Strawn and I are still in the dark as to exactly how Miles managed his wife's murder," Sanderson reminded him. "This morning you chose to tell us nothing more than that a Hamilton man had married Nita Leigh in New York in January, 1918, and that eight years ago, when he saw her picture in *The Evening Star*, along with the story that 'Anita Lee' had committed suicide, he had felt free to marry again. . . . You said then you knew who the man was but you would not even tell us how you knew—"

"Because I had very little actual proof then," Dundee answered. "As to who he was, the silent clue had been staring me in the face the whole time, but it was not until I was fooling with a set of anagrams last night, idling, spelling out the names of all the men who might have married her and then murdered her, that I saw it—"

"Saw what?" Strawn demanded irritably.

"That Selim is simply Miles spelled backward," Dundee explained. "Possibly because he considered it the sophisticated thing to do, Miles used an assumed name at the party at which he met Nita Leigh. Even the first name, 'Mat,' by which she knew him, was only his initials reversed."

"Simple—but clever," Sanderson commented.

"Just as all of Miles' schemes were after Nita, egged on by Sprague, turned up in Hamilton to demand 'back alimony' as the price of her silence. . . . But let me show you how he killed his wife."

"He strode to the big bronze lamp. It took me less than an hour to-day to reconstruct the death machine so that it would be almost exactly as it was when Miles finished his work just before 2:30 last Saturday—and as it remained until he had an opportunity to come back here and dismantle it. Trust him to find out that the guard was removed from the house Thursday!"

As he spoke, he was uncrossing the big, jewel-studded bowl of the bronze lamp. Wedged, at a downward-slanting angle, inside the bowl, which was 12 inches in diameter, was Judge Marshall's snub-nosed automatic and silencer, the end of the silencer projecting slightly from a hole whose jewel was missing.

"There's a blank cartridge in the gun now, of course, but Miles, in his panic, took my words literally."

"See the electro-magnet strapped to the gun butt? He got it from her to Lydia's bedroom. The magnet was connected with the electric wire in one of the two lamp sockets, as you see it now, and the long cord of the lamp was connected with the wire of the bell in the dining room—so connected that when anyone stepped on the two little metal plates under the dining room rug, the kitchen bell

until 2:30—the time the bridge game was scheduled to begin. But Miles came on out, having previously stolen the gun and silencer and having studied the house."

"How did he get in?" Sanderson wanted to know.

Judge Marshall had lent him a key in February, when Miles wanted to show the house to an engaged young man in his office, and Miles never returned it. Well, when Miles arrived he found Ralph Hammond here, and had to leave, waiting at a safe distance until the coast was clear about one o'clock. But even so he had more than an hour to do his careful planning job."

"But you were wrong about the secret shelf!" Strawn glared.

"No. It was the absence of fingerprints there that kept me on the right track. Miles had searched the shelf for the marriage certificate which he could not know Nita had already burned."

"How was Sprague killed?" Sanderson interrupted impatiently.

Dundee reached into the tool chest and brought out a narrow deep drawer. "First I must tell you that Miles got the gun out of the lamp Saturday night, sneaking in while I was talking with Lydia in the basement. A little later he came back noisily enough to offer Lydia a job as nurse in his home. Without question he assured himself that she knew nothing, or she would have gone the way of Nita and Sprague. . . . Now as to Sprague. Despite my warnings Sprague attempted to carry on the blackmail scheme. Perhaps Miles put him off for day or two, but on Wednesday afternoon he made an appointment with Sprague, telling him that, if he would come to his home that evening, and manage to leave the bridge game while he was dummy, he would find the money in a drawer of the cabinet that stood in the trophy room between the two windows. . . . This drawer."

"But—how?" Sanderson frowned.

"The plug of the lamp cord is nearly out of the baseboard outlet behind the bookcase, just as Miles left it, so that there is no contact with electricity here. And the rug hid the joining of the two wires. An unexplained wrapping of adhesive tape both on the lamp cord and on the wire of Nita's alarm bell here gave me the clue." In installing the alarm bell, Sprague copied the arrangement under the dining table, of course. And Miles simply had to drop a bit, fastened to the angular Sprague had bought, down the four inches which separate the dining room floor from the basement, and bore a hole through the ceiling. It was that hole I could not understand, and which Ralph Hammond assured me was not there Saturday morning. Miles joined a piece of electric wire to the dining room bell wires, and pushed them down through the hole he had bored into the basement ceiling. Now if you'll come down to the basement—"

"But—how?" Sanderson frowned.

"Very simple! When Sprague pulled open this drawer, which was just at the height of his stomach, he received a bullet in his heart. See these four little holes? . . . A wire was screwed into the bottom of the drawer so that it gripped the gun with its silencer at an upward angle. A piece of string was tied to the trigger and fastened somehow to the underside of the drawer, so that when Sprague pulled the drawer open the string was drawn taut and the trigger pulled. Practically the same mechanism by which he tried to murder me. . . . The kick of the gun jerked the drawer shut. All Miles had to do when he was pretending to look for Sprague was to turn off the trophy room light, by a button in the hall."

Miles and his ingenious schemes.

"Then he had the rest of the night to remove the gun!"

"Yes. Sometime during the night, after Flora was asleep with a sedative, he removed the gun and the silencer, but he could not remove the bolts the screws had made. His next concern was to make the murder look complete with Captain Strawn's theory of a gunman who had trailed his quarry to the Miles home and shot him through the window. The window was already open, but the screen must be raised, too, and Sprague's fingerprints had to be on the nickel catches by which the curtain screen is raised or lowered. Of course Sprague had not touched the screen."

"Do you mean to say he lugged the corpse to the window and lifted it up so that he could press the stiff fingers upon the nickel catches?"

"No," Dundee answered. "That was not necessary. He simply removed the curtain screen and carried it to where Sprague's right hand lay, palm upward, on the floor, and pressed the thumb and forefinger against the nickel catches. But the fingerprints thus made were reversed—as I discovered when I examined the prints in Carraway's office to-day. Miles could not turn the stiff hand over without bruising the dead flesh; consequently the print of the forefinger was on the catch where the thumb print would normally have been."

"Well—" Dundee drew a deep breath. "He was a clever man like any of us suspected, and it is a pity that Miles did not fear him as she feared Sprague's vengeance when she made her will."

"Hello! What are you doing back here?" Dundee exclaimed in surprise when, upon returning to the living room, the three men found Penny Crain.

"Dad wants a private word with you," Penny explained, her brown eyes glowing with happiness. "He's on the front porch. . . . And you ought to see Mother! She looks like a 20-year-old bride!"

When Dundee joined him on the porch, Roger Crain's handsome face flushed painfully, but there was happiness in his brown eyes, too.

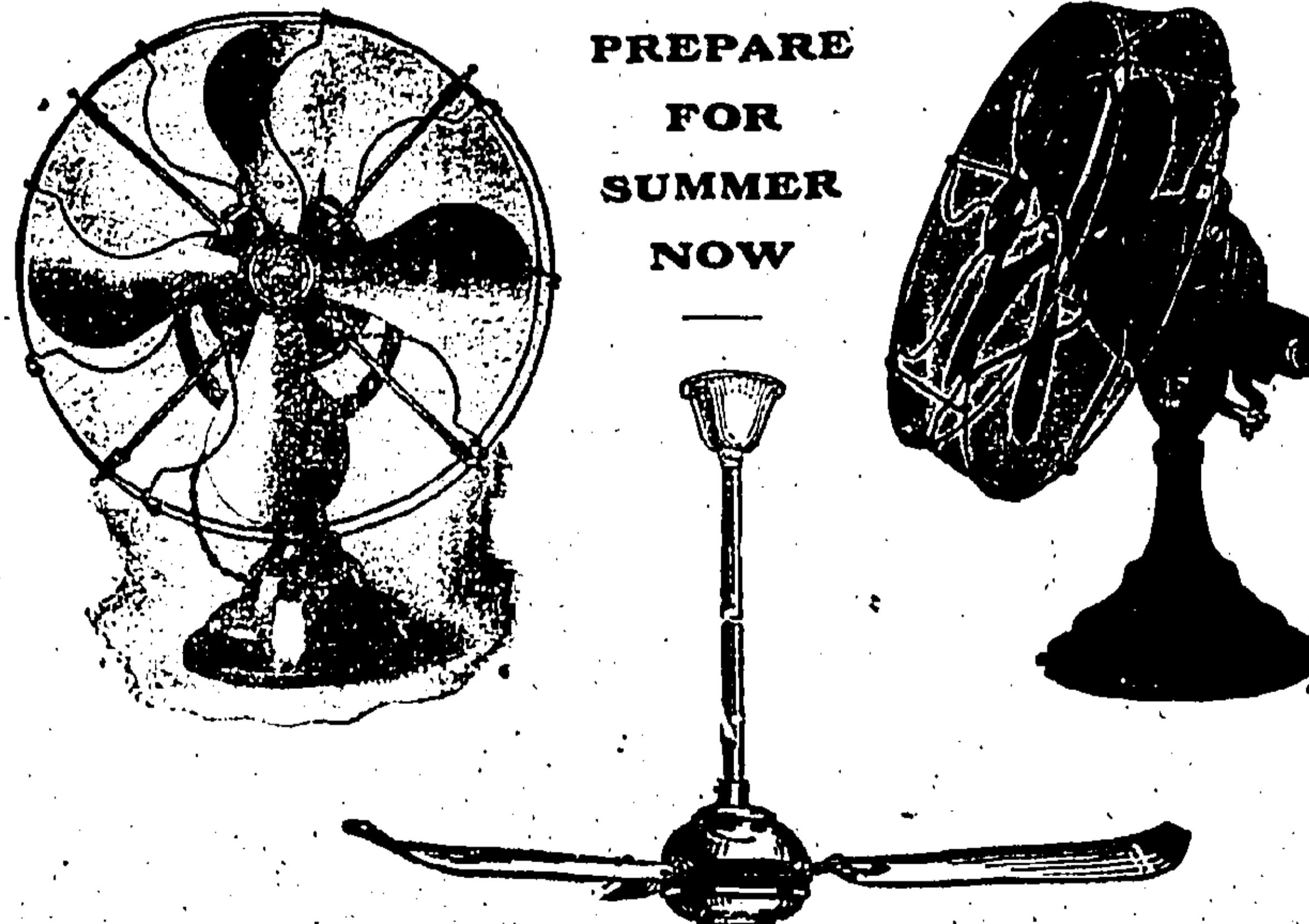
"Serena Hart asked me to thank you for giving her Penny's message to pass on to me. I'm sure you've guessed a lot, but what you probably don't know is that Serena used the securities I had sent to her for safe keeping, to play the market with. She wouldn't let me touch penny of the money until she had turned it into enough to clear up all my debts in Hamilton."

"Then," he sighed slightly. "She sent me home. . . . Not that I'm sorry. I'm going to try to make Margaret and Penny happy."

"Through!" Penny called from the doorway, and her red lips were so adorable rounded over the word that Bonnie Dundee forgot Tracey Miles was to turn off the trophy room light, by a button in the hall."

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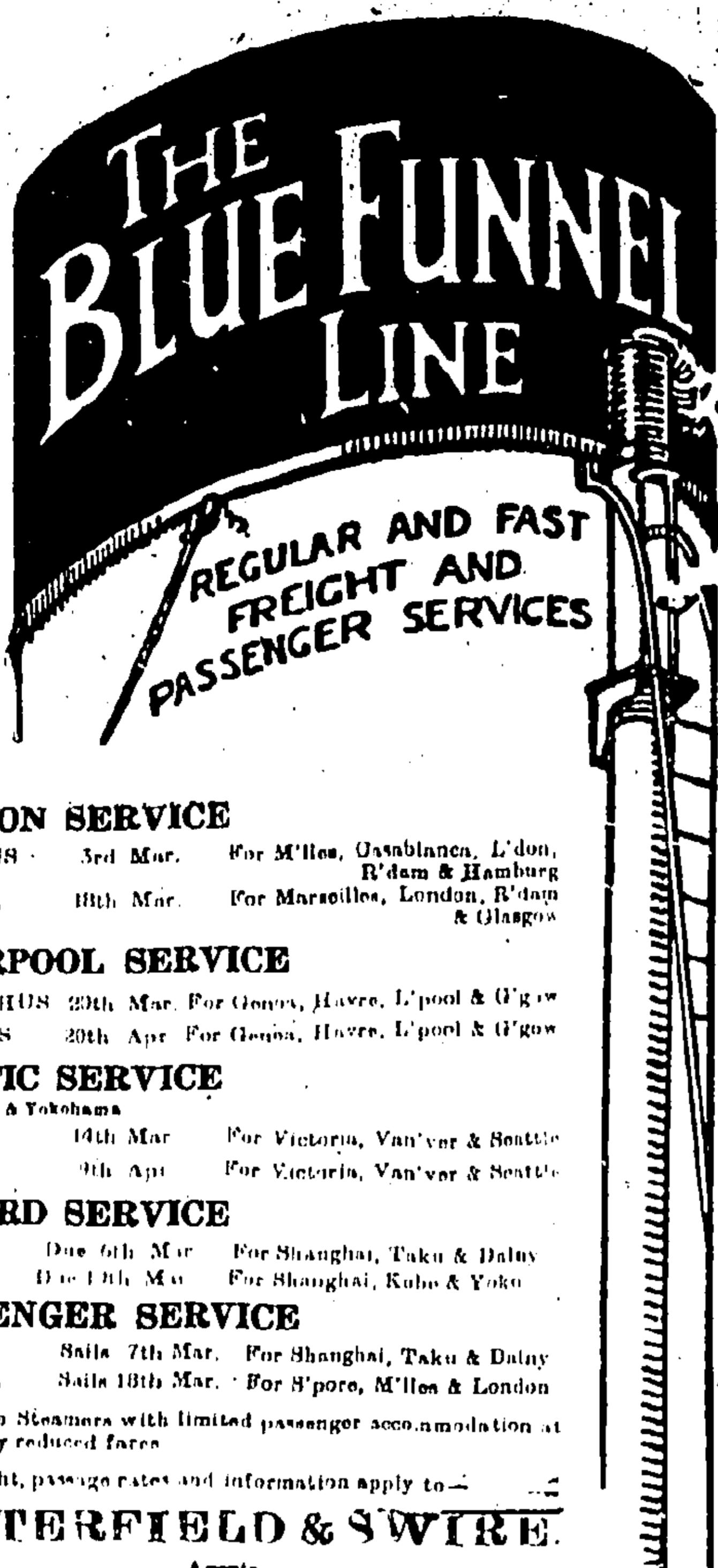
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Improvement of C.K.R.

Canton, Feb. 28. To improve communication between Hongkong and Canton, Dr. C. P. Hsieh, the new Managing Director of the Chinese Section of the Canton Kowloon Railway, is quoted as saying that an additional express to Hongkong will be inaugurated as from May 1st, when some of the damaged sleepers on the Chinese section have been replaced.

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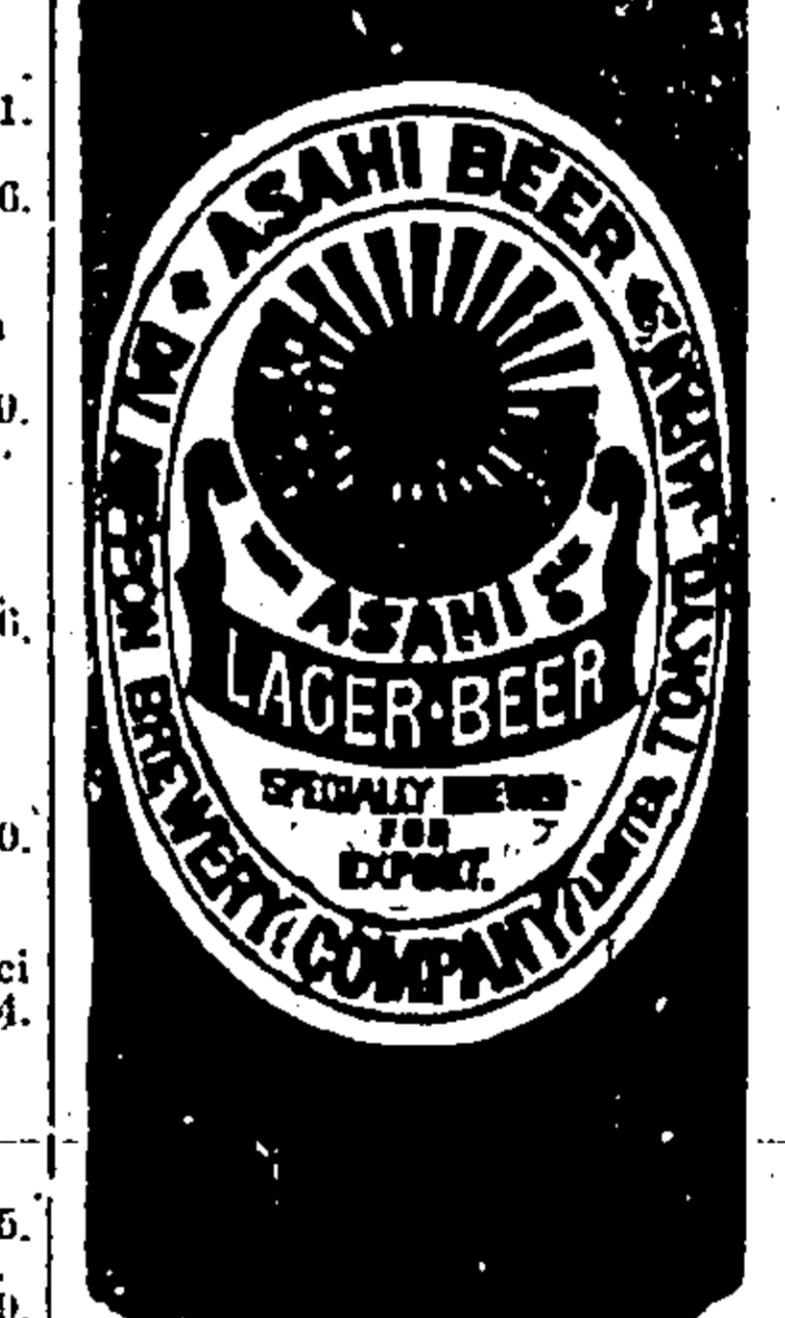
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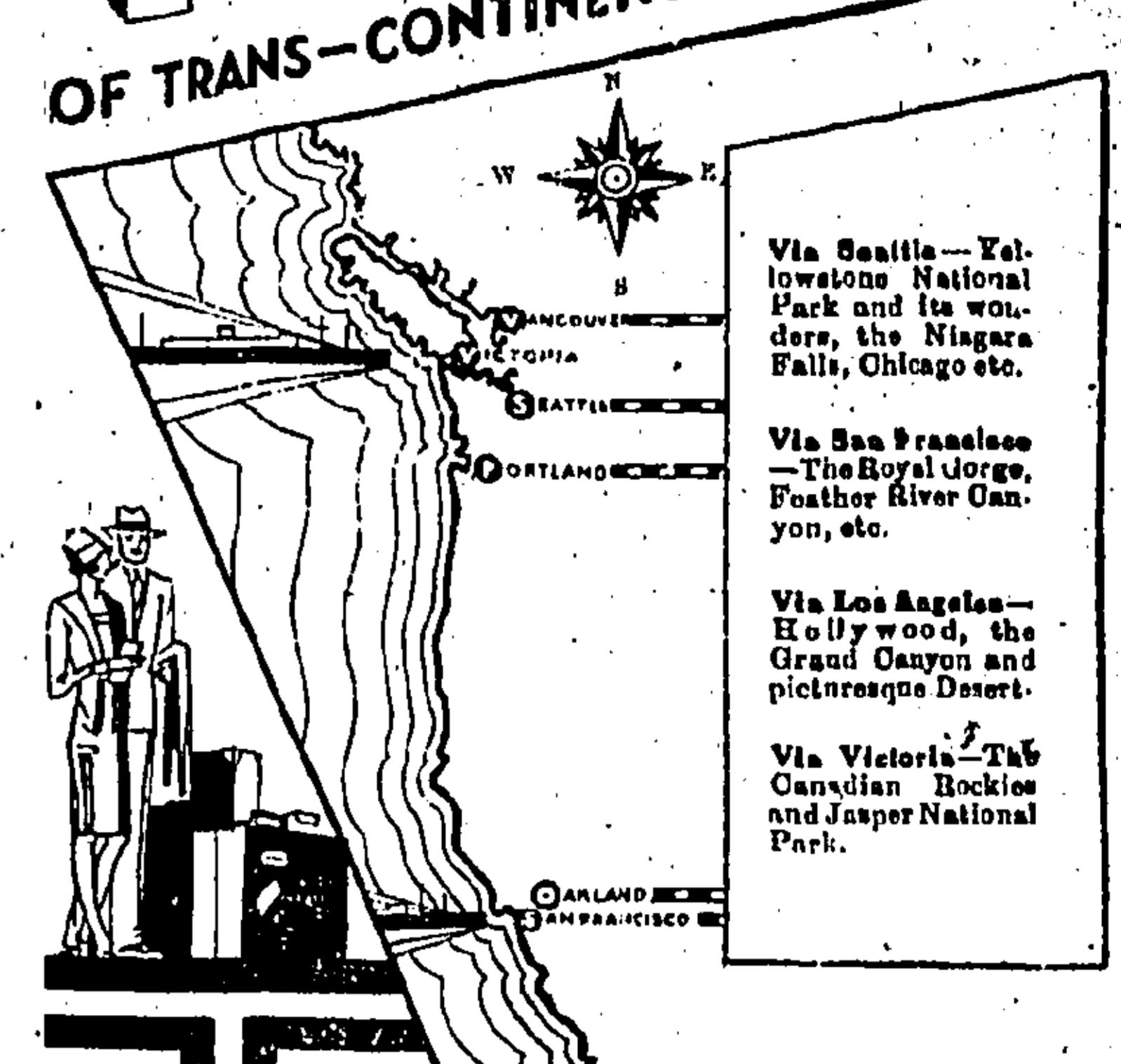
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The guests were received by Captain Mitchell, (O.C. the Coy.) and Mrs. Mitchell, and, promptly upon the arrival of the H. E. the Governor and Lady Peel, at 9.30, dancing commenced in the St. George's Hall. The function was in every respect a representative one, and amongst the large number present were Colonel Bird, (C.O. H.K.V.D.C.) Mrs. Bird and Miss Bird, the Hon. Mr. Shenton and Mrs. Shenton, Col. R. B. Cousins and Miss Cousins, Col. G. St. G. Robinson and Mrs. Robinson, and many other officers of the Navy, Army, R.A.F. and H.K.V.D.C., with their wives. The absence of the G.O.C. through illness, was much regretted by all ranks, with whom His Excellency has made himself so popular.

The rooms were tastefully decorated in the M.G. Coy's colours, blue and gold, and a well selected programme of music rendered by "The Unique Orchestra," who we hope will be heard more frequently in the Colony. Supper was served in the Chamber of Commerce room, arrangements being in the capable hands of the well-known "Alphonse," of the St. Francis Hotel. The dance terminated at 1.00 a.m. the reluctant leave-takings testifying to the cheery success of the evening.

The Machine Gun Company hope to make this Dance an annual affair, and it is hoped that more of the young men in the Colony who are eligible will appreciate the advantages, social and otherwise, of belonging to this Company of the Volunteers.

Those who wish to join the Machine Gun Company must be proposed and seconded by two other members of it, and balloted for by its Officers and Sergeants. The annual subscription is only three dollars, but applications will only be considered from men who are keen and willing to turn up to all parades, keenness and *esprit de corps* being the watchwords of the Machine Gun Company. Contributed.

CORRESPONDENCE.

A Correction.

To The Editor of *Hongkong Telegraph*.]

Sir, With reference to the article appearing in a recent issue of your paper with regard to my subscription of \$30,000 towards the new building for the Po Leung Kuk, I wish to draw your attention to a slight mistake. You stated that my photograph would be hung up in the Hall of the new building, but this is not correct. I gave the donation in memory of my late mother and the Committee decided that her photograph be hung up in the Hall of the new building. (not mine).

I shall be glad if you will kindly rectify this at your convenience. R. Ho. TUNG.

Nanking, Mar. 2.

OBITUARY.

WELL-KNOWN MEMBER OF
PORTUGUESE COMMUNITY.

The Portuguese community of Hongkong has lost one of its oldest and best known members, in the person of Mr. M. A. Baptist.

Mr. Baptist must have been one of the Colony's oldest inhabitants. He was 74 years of age, and had been employed for no less than 58 years in the office of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master, Solicitors. He was popular with his fellows and active despite his age. He was confined to bed last week at his home, 8, Caine Road, with a bronchial affection, took a turn for the worse on Friday and died somewhat suddenly yesterday. He took little part in public life, his hobby being art. He was a painter of parts, and many local residents have samples of his work. One of his sons, Mr. M. F. Baptist, has inherited his father's talent.

Mr. Baptist leaves a big family, now all grown up. There are four sons and four daughters.

The eldest son is Mr. A. F. Baptist, of the National City Bank. Others are Mr. R. D. Baptist, (of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Company's Canton office), Mr. M. F. Baptist (Greenland Cement Co.) and Mr. F. A. Baptist (Great Northern Telegraph Co.).

The funeral will pass the

Monument at 5 p.m. to-day.

OVERCOAT TAKEN.

PRIEST'S PASSPORT
RETURNED THROUGH THE
POST.

Rev. W. J. Downs, who recently arrived from Swatow, has reported to the Tsimshatsui Police Station the theft of an overcoat from the waiting room at the Maryknoll Mission, Kowloon, where he is staying. He reports that a Chinese youth came to see him on Friday night, and after the youth's departure, the coat was found missing.

Rev. Mr. Downs' passport, which was in a pocket of the coat, was returned through the post in an unopened envelope yesterday.

WARRANT ISSUED.

COMPLAINT OF ALLEGED
FALSE PRETENCES.

A warrant has been issued by the police for the arrest of Terence Joseph Woods, aged 34 years, who is believed to have arrived in the Colony from Australia, six months ago, and was managing partner of the Combined Builders Association Exchange Building.

It is alleged that Woods obtained \$75 in Australian notes (\$831) by false pretences from Pun King, employee at a money changer's shop at No. 36, Queen's Road Central, on Saturday.

Nanking, Mar. 2.

Sir Miles Lampson called on the Foreign Minister, Dr. C. T. Wang, this morning, and resumed the extraterritorial negotiations.—Reuters.

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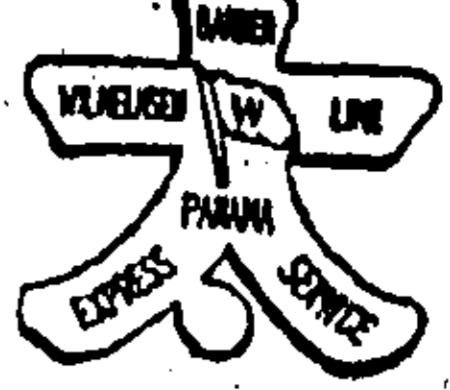
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Fiji Hurricane.

OFFICIAL ESTIMATE OF THE FATALITIES.

Suva, Mar. 2.
It is officially announced that 160

people, including four Europeans, perished in the hurricane on February 21.—Reuter.

[Earlier reports placed the death toll at 230, and later at "over 100," including five Europeans.]

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LIGHTNING FLASHES A MILE LONG.

PROFESSOR TYNDALL'S LECTURE.

Electric sparks several feet in length, from million volt transformers were referred to by Professor A. M. Tyndall in a lecture at the Royal Institution. Illustrations were given of the types of discharge they produce on the surface of wires, or through the air, or over the surface of insulators in storm of rain.

But Nature, it was remarked, caps all the efforts of man in lightning. The general appearance of a lightning flash was copied by a brilliant spark eight feet long over the surface of some gilt wallpaper.

In lightning we have electric sparks a mile or more in length passing either from a cloud to the ground or from one part of a cloud to another. Benjamin Franklin first showed the electrical state of a thundercloud by a flying kite. But nowadays the investigation of lightning has reached a quantitative basis. The voltage of a lightning flash can be estimated by measuring the induced charge that is set free on an isolated portion of the ground when a flash passes at reasonable distance from it.

In America the surge, set up in a model power transmission line when a flash passes near it, is used to produce a Lichtenberg figure on a photographic plate. These figures produced by sparking over the surface of a sensitive plate are very beautiful illustrations of the ramifications of electrical discharge.

A thousand million volts is a not uncommon voltage in lightning flashes. Such enormous voltages require enormous concentrations of positive and negative ions in different parts of a cloud. Experts differ in their opinions as to details, but it seems clear that a production of ions and subsequent separation can be produced when water drops are broken up either by convection currents or by electrical distortion.

To illustrate the fact that rain is electrified, the lecturer sprayed a fine jet of water over a sensitive electroscope and obtained a measurable deflection.

The total energy dissipated continuously in lightning flashes is of the order of 2,000 million horse power. Evidence of distant thunderstorms is obtained from the atmospheric which trouble us in broadcasting. Special methods of counting have led to estimates of as many as 200 atmospheres per second by day, and 3,000 per second by night, coming from distances of 20,000 miles, and originating in lands where the time and season is summer afternoon.

The lecture concluded with a brief consideration of the many problems of lightning protection, both of machinery and of buildings. The final experiment was a replica of the famous electric cage experiment of Faraday, who showed that an observer with delicate instruments inside the cage was completely protected from all electrical effects, such as those of sparks to the cage from electrical machines outside it.

MR. JUSTICE EVE AND A RICH WIFE.

EXTRAVAGANT; DETERMINED; and SELF-POSSESSED.

Mr. Justice Eve commented on extravagance in a judgment given in the Chancery division.

Mrs. Renee MacCaw, of Cadogan Gardens, S.W., had claimed from her husband, Captain Guy Hardy MacCaw, an account of moneys and investments belonging to her which had been received by him. No dishonesty was imputed, but she wanted an account.

Mr. Justice Eve is ill and his judgment was read. In it he referred to Mrs. MacCaw as "possessed of intelligence, self-possession, and a determination much above the average, and quite capable of transacting business matters," but, like many others of her sex, not inclined to devote any extravagant attention to them. He added:

"Both husband and wife knew perfectly well that they were living at a rate largely in excess of their joint income. Both were of extravagant habits."

"The husband, more alive to the inevitable result of living beyond their means, protested from time to time, but without much success, the wife endeavouring to attenuate her folly by asserting the undoubtable truth that one could only be young once."

With the exception of two items of £57 and £600 Mr. Justice Eve held that Mrs. MacCaw voluntarily approved of the use made of her capital by her husband. Judgment was given for her for those sums, with interest at four per cent.

Counsel said that since the trial it had been found that a further £500 had been spent by Captain MacCaw, who agreed that this also should be repaid to his wife.

THREE YEARS FOR POLICEMAN.

THEFT AFTER RAID.

Two Metropolitan policemen were at the Old Bailey recently found guilty of theft, and one was sentenced to three years' penal servitude. They were:

Samuel Futter, acting sergeant, who was found guilty of larceny from a house and sentenced to three years' penal servitude;

Richard Thomas, who pleaded guilty to simple larceny, and on whom sentence was postponed.

The Recorder (Sir Ernest Wild) summing up, said it was suggested that after a burglary the officers stole articles which they thought would be laid to the charge of the burglars.

Discrediting Force.

Passing sentence the Recorder said both men had brought discredit on one of the finest police forces in the world.

He believed that Thomas would not have yielded to temptation had he not seen a man who was at that moment his superior officer helping himself to goods which it was his duty to guard.

It was stated that Futter was found with articles worth £100 from the house, and Thomas with articles worth £3s.

Before the police officers went to the house it had apparently been robbed of jewellery and other property worth nearly £900.

Detective Sergeant William Johnson said that in Futter's possession were found five cases of cutlery, three dresses, three pairs of ladies' shoes, ties, silk stockings, a teapot, a fan and a bottle of wine.

Inspector Oliver said that he found a tie, a pair of braces and a shaving brush in Thomas's overcoat pocket.

Considerate Burglars.

Futter, giving evidence, said: "I took the things home with the intention of depositing them later at the station as property found."

"I was concerned about my wife's health and drank a large quantity of whisky. As a result I could not concentrate, and my mind became a blank. Later I had three parts of a bottle of champagne found with the property."

Asked by Mr. Miller why he did not sue Mr. Hearst, Mr. Andrade replied: "Because I have nothing to do with the matter. If Mr. Hearst is willing to carry out his bargain, I shall be willing for Sotheby's to have their commission."

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Giving judgment, Dr. W. H. Stephenson described the case as an unfortunate one, which arose out of an unfortunate happening. Although Messrs. Sotheby may or may not have done absolutely the right thing, it could not be said that they did a wrong or negligent thing. Therefore there were no damages and no breach of duty, and there would be judgment for Messrs. Sotheby with costs.

NEW "FOREST" ON MARS.

CAPRICIOUS GROWTH OF VEGETATION.

A new forest area has been noted on the planet Mars by several astronomers.

This planet was at its nearest to the earth for a period recently of rather more than two years, and has for this reason been receiving the special attention of planetary observers.

"The new growth," Dr. W. H. Stephenson, who recently retired from the Directorate of the Mars Section of the Royal Astronomical Society, explained, "is an extension of the development round the 'Lake of the Sun,' which was noted by astronomers in 1928 and 1929—the dates of the two last oppositions."

"It may be supposed that the growth of vegetation is to some extent capricious in the same way that a temporary spread of undergrowth may follow a wet season on the earth."

"These areas on Mars sometimes look green. But through a small telescope, their apparent colour is apt to be affected by the red colour of the surrounding desert, and this would tend to give a green appearance to any dark area. Through a large telescope, however, many of these areas appear as a faint grey."

"The question of colour is by no means simple, and a lot of work will be necessary before it can be finally cleared up."

The name "Lake of the Sun"—"lacus solis"—was given to this area in the days before astronomers realised that there are no large expanses of water on the planet. In any case, real lakes on the planet would not appear permanently dark, as do these areas, but light or dark, according as they happened to reflect the sun's rays or otherwise.

MR. HEARST AND A SUIT OF ARMOUR.

WHAT MILLIONAIRES PURCHASE.

C. Andrade v. Sotheby and Co. This was a dispute concerning the sale of a suit of armour, originally the property of an Austrian count.

The plaintiff, Messrs. Cyril Andrade, Hanover-square, W., claimed from the defendants, Messrs. Sotheby and Company, New Bond-street, W., damages for alleged breach of contract to procure the purchaser of certain armour to pay 10s. in the £ on the purchase price, and damages for alleged detention. The defence was a denial of liability.

Mr. Rayner Goddard said that Mr. Cyril de Costa Andrade bought a suit of armour from Count Trapp, an Austrian. In 1928, Mr. W. R. Hearst, the American newspaper magnate, with a Mr. R. Bartel, visited Mr. Andrade's galleries, saw the armour, and offered £4,000 for it. Mr. Hearst did not fulfil his part of the bargain, and it was cancelled.

In 1929, the armour went to Messrs. Sotheby's to be sold. Mr. Bartel was supposed to be bidding on behalf of Mr. Hearst, the armour being knocked down to him for £5,000. No deposit was taken as it was understood that he was acting on behalf of Mr. Hearst. Later, Mr. Hearst repudiated Mr. Bartel's authority to bid for him.

Messrs. Andrade said that the defendants should have insisted upon a deposit of 10s. in the £ being paid by Bartel on the purchase price of £5,000, and they now claimed £2,500 from Messrs. Sotheby's.

"The Market."

Mr. Cyril de Costa Andrade, giving evidence, said: The market for these kinds of goods arises when the American millionaire come to this country for the shooting season and visit museums, galleries, and other places.

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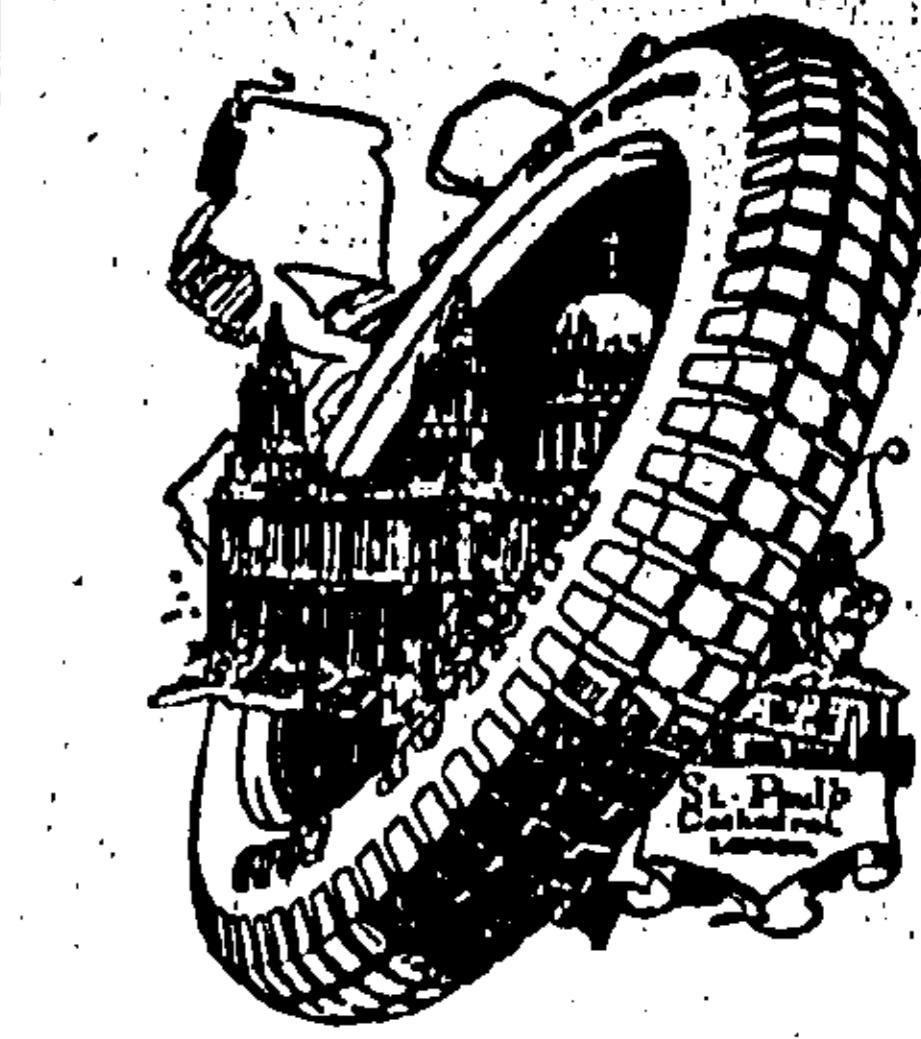
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PLACED.

YARD SEPARATES THE
FIRST THREE.

SWEEP MUDDLE.

As anticipated in view of the open nature of this year's classic, there was a big field for the Derby this morning, no fewer than eleven ponies facing the starter. Mr. Dynasty relied on King's Service, which ran second to Gold Key on Saturday, but which was not saddled yesterday.

Another feature of the race, for which Fortune Bay was made a strong favourite, with Gold Key, Spey and Sam Houston all fairly well backed, was the absence of coupled candidates of single ownership.

The weather was less bright at the opening of the day's races, when the start was made, but it remained cheerful and the huge crowd was in high spirits when it became obvious that a great fight in the straight was almost certain.

King's Service Wins.

In fact the race provided the most thrilling finish for years. The favourite was beaten out by King's Service, Spey and Gold Key, and these three came in with a tremendous rush after a slowly run race, King's Service winning by a head from Spey, with Gold Key the same short distance away.

There was some confusion when Bright Star was put up as taking third place. There was a delay in the pari-mutuel and the sweepstakes numbers had to be changed when the correct result was ascertained.

Jockey Injured.

In the first race, the Jockey Cup, Mr. Bramwell brought off a surprise by riding Chara to victory, and providing a pari-mutuel win of \$68.50.

Just after passing the winning post, several of the ponies came into collision and in the scramble, Mr. Lobel, who was riding Gay Crusader (which ran third) was heavily thrown. He was stunned for the moment but subsequently weighed-in and it is not thought that he has been very much hurt.

The Exchange Plate provided a thrilling finish between Hiawatha, Elliott Bay and King's Bounty. A head and a short head separated them on the winning post. The defeat of King's Bounty into third place after the pony's triumph over Apollo yesterday took punters by surprise.

GOLD BASIS
ISSUE.

LEAGUE'S EXPERT
MAY ADVISE.

CHINA'S PROBLEM.

(Our Own Correspondent.)

Shanghai, Mar. 3. Sir Arthur Salter, the Director of the Finance and Economic Department of the League of Nations, who is on his way to Nanking at the invitation of the Nationalist Government, arrived in Shanghai yesterday aboard the P. and O. liner Rawalpindi. He expects to leave for Nanking to-day, and will immediately enter conferences with Mr. T. V. Soong, the Finance Minister, on the subject of China's currency, it is understood. There is a strong belief that Mr. Soong will seek the League expert's advice principally upon the possibility of China's placing of her currency on a gold basis.

Sir Arthur is accompanied by M. Maurice Frere and Mr. Elliott Fildin, both of whom are members of the League of Nations Economic Branch staff.

He declined to comment upon the purposes of his visit to China, though he said his discussions would undoubtedly centre upon the situation which has arisen as a result of the abnormal fall in the price of silver.

MURDER OF BRITISH
MISSIONARIES.

QUESTIONS IN HOUSE OF
COMMONS.

London, Mar. 2. Questioned in the House of Commons as to whether any reply had been received to the representations regarding the murder of Miss Nettleton and Miss Harrison, Mr. Hugh Dalton, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, said the Chinese Foreign Minister had on several occasions assured the British Minister of his earnest intention to make every effort to capture the criminals.

Mr. Wang had further stated that strong military forces were engaged against the bandits in Kiangsu, and instructions had been issued for the apprehension of the murderers.—Reuter.

FAR EAST FLIGHT
BEGINS.

FRENCH AIRMEN TO TRAVEL
DAY AND NIGHT.

Paris, Mar. 2. Moench and Berlin, whose departure on a flight for the Far East was postponed last week, took off from Le Bourget for Athens at 3.05 p.m. to-day.

They intend to fly day and night with the object of breaking the record for a flight from Paris to Tokyo, which is their ultimate destination.

They are touching at Shanghai in the course of the flight.—Reuter

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Messrs. Mackie & Grayburn's Spey, 158 lbs. (Mr. Clark) 2

Mr. L. T. F's Gold Key, 152 lbs. (Mr. Tung) 3

Messrs. Kong Bros' Bright Star, 158 lbs. (Mr. Pith) 0

Mr. Eve's Daylight Eve, 155 lbs. (Mr. Pete-Hunt) 0

Mr. L. Dunbar's Fortune Bay, 155 lbs. (Mr. Hill) 0

Mr. Harmac's Leveret, 158 lbs. (Mr. Proulx) 0

Mr. Chan Wai-sang's Nippy, 155 lbs. (Mr. Sonres) 0

Mrs. G. A. Harriman's Paul Pry, 158 lbs. (Mr. Harriman) 0

Mrs. Dunbar's Sam Houston, 155 lbs. (Mr. Heard) 0

Mr. W. T. Stanton's Tom, 152 lbs. (Mr. Stanton) 0

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THE DOWNFALL OF
HU HAN-MIN.

SPLIT OVER NEW
CONSTITUTION.

STRONG ATTACK BY
CHIANG KAI-SHEK.

AMBITION CITED.

Nanking, Mar. 3. The nature of the clash between Marshal Chiang Kai-shek and Mr. Hu Han-min, which led to the resignation of the Chairman of the Legislative Yuan, is fully explained in a Kuo Min report of a speech delivered by Marshal Chiang yesterday when addressing the weekly memorial meeting in Nanking.

Referring to the unfortunate political upset, *inter alia*, Marshal Chiang said that "of all the problems before the National People's Convention, the question of the institution of a Provisional Constitution is of the highest importance."

"All our comrades have agreed to discuss the Provisional Constitution at the Peccylia Conference.

Mr. Hu's Objection.

"Mr. Hu Han-min, however, insists that the People's Convention should not be allowed to discuss the adoption of a Provisional Constitution.

"In so doing, he will not see that without a Provisional Constitution there could not be



SILVER TO PAY THE
WAR DEBT.

SUGGESTION IN THE HOUSE
OF COMMONS.

AN OBVIOUS ANSWER.

London, Mar. 2. A suggestion that Britain might pay her debt to the United States partly in silver was made in the House of Commons to-day at question-time.

It was pointed out by Mr. F. W. Petrie-Lawrence, the Financial Secretary to the Treasury, that whatever the British Government's view might be regarding the suggestion, the initiative must rest with the Government of the United States.

Captain Victor Cazalet, the Conservative Member for Chippenham, the well-known tennis, lawn tennis and racket-player, asserted that a few years ago the United States altered the basis of a debt settlement with another country by substituting silver for gold payments.

Mr. Petrie-Lawrence said that he was not aware of the occasion to which Captain Cazalet referred, but he promised to consider the matter.

Mr. Hammett suggested that the question was considerably embarrassed by the decision of the Government of India to increase the import-duty on silver.

Mr. Lawrence did not reply.—Reuter.

CASH SWEEPS.

LUCKY NUMBERS AT
THE RACES.

Winning sweepstake tickets at to-day's Race Meeting were as under:

Race No. 1.

No. 298 \$1,727.60
.. 564 493.60
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Unplaced runners (\$50 each). 379, 533, 127, 278, 343, 628.

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No. 168 \$2,290.40
.. 366 604.40
.. 239 327.20

Unplaced runners (\$50 each). 40, 174.

Race No. 3.

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RUGBY SENSATION.

BRITISH UNIONS BAN ON
THE FRENCH.

NOT PLAYING GAME.

London, Mar. 2.

Split by a dissension in its own ranks and generally condemned for the brutal methods which have become a feature of French Rugby recently, the French Rugby Union was to-day ousted by the four British Unions, who decided to refuse to allow any club international matches against French clubs, or France, after the end of the season, unless the conduct of the game there is placed on a satisfactory basis.—Reuter.

Trouble Comes to Head.

The animosity between Mr. Hu Han-min and Marshal Chiang Kai-shek came to head with the proposed organisation of the National Assembly, the highest authority of the Kuomintang Party. Several conferences have been held by the Kuomintang Central Political Council for the discussion of procedures in connexion with the drawing up of an agenda for the assembly meeting, which has been arranged to take place early in May.

President Chiang Kai-shek interdicted, urged the adoption by the Assembly of a Provisional Constitution as outlined by Mr. Wang Ching-wei in his book urging a reform of the Kuomintang. Mr. Hu Han-min is understood to be strongly against this form of government.

President's Decision.

The President of the Nanking Government caused a mild sensation this morning when, presiding at the weekly session at Government House, he said that

SPECULATION ON
NAVAL PACT.

OFFICIAL CIRCLES
RETICENT.

MR. HENDERSON CLEARS
UP A DOUBT.

FRENCH TONNAGE.

Rome, Mar. 2. Much speculation prevails regarding the nature of the Italo-French-British naval agreement, but official circles remain extremely reticent regarding the terms.

According to an unofficial report, however, France will have a superiority in submarines, not only over Italy, but over all other Powers, and there will be parity as regards ten thousand-ton cruisers between France and Italy.

Both countries at present possess seven and it is understood that the agreement provides for this number as the limit.

It is further believed that the agreement provides that France and Italy shall both build two new battleships each, while it is forecasted, as regards light-cruisers and destroyers that France will have a superiority in total tonnage, though in certain categories, Italy will lead.

It appears certain that the respective requirements of the three countries in the Mediterranean were not mentioned throughout the negotiations.—Reuter.

Mr. Henderson in London.

Mr. Arthur Henderson, the Foreign Secretary, and Mr. A. V. Alexander, First Lord of the Admiralty, returned to London to-day from their brilliantly successful Continental "tour" in the interests of naval agreement.

Mr. Henderson, in the course of an interview with Reuter's representative, this evening, said that the outstanding feature of the success of the naval negotiations was that the agreement concluded prevented an imminent renewal of Franco-Italian competition in naval armaments.

Serious Danger Averted.

If this had taken place, and there was a serious threat of such a development, it would have vitiated the atmosphere at the General Disarmament Conference which has been arranged for February next year.

The immediate effect of the agreement will be that our three countries will enter the Disarmament Conference with the closest friendship without making any pact whatever against any other country."

No Mediterranean Pact.

"It has been suggested," said Mr. Henderson, "that the result might be a combination of these three countries against a fourth country. I wish to emphasise that no Mediterranean Pact or any other pact has ever been mentioned. Mr. Alexander and I concentrated on questions outstanding from the Naval Conference, and on those only. We are gratified with the success achieved."—Reuter and British Wireless.

How Near to Disaster.

"How near we were to a resumption of serious competition only a week ago is only known to those of us who have participated in all the conferences since we left London.

"It was imminent. The danger arising out of the position, with its effect on international relations, prompted me without the least delay to suggest to Mr. Ramsay MacDonald that the position could only be effectively dealt with in a visit to Paris and if possible to Rome."

Mussolini Impressed.

It is learned that Signor Mussolini was very impressed with the fact that this was the first time that two members of a British Cabinet had gone direct to him to discuss matters vitally important to England and Italy. It was this fact largely which moved him to accept the British proposals.—Reuter.

Japanese Congratulations.

Tokyo, Mar. 3. Halling the conclusion of a Franco-Italian naval agreement

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THE F.A. CUP
SEMI-FINALS.

SECOND DIVISION
TEAMS MEET.

CHELSEA V. WHO?

London, Mar. 2.

The draw for the semi-finals of the F.A. Cup was made in London to-day and resulted as follows:

West Brom. or
Wolverhampton v. Everton,
Birmingham or Sunderland or
Chelsea v. Exeter.

The first of the games is to be played on the ground of Manchester United. The second will be played at Leeds if Sunderland win the replay with Exeter. If Exeter are successful at home, the match will be played on the Arsenal ground.

Matches are to be played on March 14.—Reuter.

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DAWN OF TROPICAL MEDICINE.

TRIBUTE TO MEMORY OF SIR P. MANSON.

The Dawn of Tropical Medicine, an account of the life and work of Sir Patrick Manson, was the subject of a lecture by Dr. P. Manson-Bahr at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine.

Sir Harry Goschen, who presided, referred to the death of Sir Andrew Balfour, "one of Sir Patrick Manson's earliest students, himself destined to become the director of this great school which has arisen out of Manson's first conception of a School of Tropical Medicine," and said they were all "infinitely the poorer for the loss of that great-hearted man," from the time of his appointment to the post of Director of the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine at the beginning of the year 1924. Andrew Balfour had worked with consuming energy and high sense of duty for the task to which he had put his hand, and it was an honour to stand in that magnificent home of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine and pay tribute to his memory. Balfour was a man of sterling character, simplicity, and directness of purpose, as honest and open as the day, without a trace of guile. The affection which he inspired in all of them was indeed something wonderful, and his colleagues on the board of management and on the staff joined with his numerous friends throughout the world in a heartfelt message of sympathy to Lady Balfour and his two sons.

Dr. Manson-Bahr made no attempt to claim that Manson discovered tropical medicine, but laid emphasis on the fact that by his work and precepts he made it a new and living thing, that he was the first to elucidate the cause and transference of many hitherto obscure tropical diseases, that as a great clinician he transformed the specific treatment of those diseases, and that, most certainly, he was the first to found and direct a school devoted to the teaching of tropical medicine, and thereby to render safe for colonization and development many unhealthy and inopportune countries of the British Empire and in other parts of the world. The benign influence of his discoveries, of his example, and of his life, was world wide. His discoveries in the realm of pure science alone entitled him to a place in that select company which included the names of Pasteur, Lister, and Koch.

He described Manson's work in China leading to the idea that a winged insect was the disseminator of disease germs, and that it was an essential link in the development of those parasites without whose agency it would cease entirely to exist, a new and startling fact in medicine and in biology in general. Manson's paper on the development of Filaria sanguinis hominis and on the mosquito considered as a nurse, published in London in 1878, and received with consternation tinged with scepticism, proved a corner stone of tropical medicine, and entitled him to be regarded as a famous man. After describing Manson's further work in China, he pointed out that his achievements were all the more remarkable as he was working absolutely isolated from contact with other scientists or authorities and cut off from museums and libraries. Dealing with the period after Manson's return to London he dealt with his association with Ronald Ross. There had never been before such a close scientific collaboration, and it had culminated in the complete vindication of the theory of "Mosquito Manson" as he was then called, worked out to finality by the undying enthusiasm, persistence, ingenuity, and zeal of Ronald Ross.

Then came his association with Joseph Chamberlain, the most remarkable Colonial Secretary that the British Government had produced in modern times, and the foundation in 1899 of the London School of Tropical Medicine. Manson was the great original thinker of his time in the special department of

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repercussions on the political situation, as he heads a very important clique of politicals.

The Kuomintang split has been growing up for some time between the civilian elements of the Kuomintang, headed by Hu Han-min, and the military elements, headed by Chiang Kai-shek.

The communiqué adds, "Mr. Hu Han-min will remain at Nanking to assist the Government."

Sensation Caused.

Later. The acceptance of Mr. Hu Han-min's resignation has caused a sensation among the Chinese, and is expected to have very important

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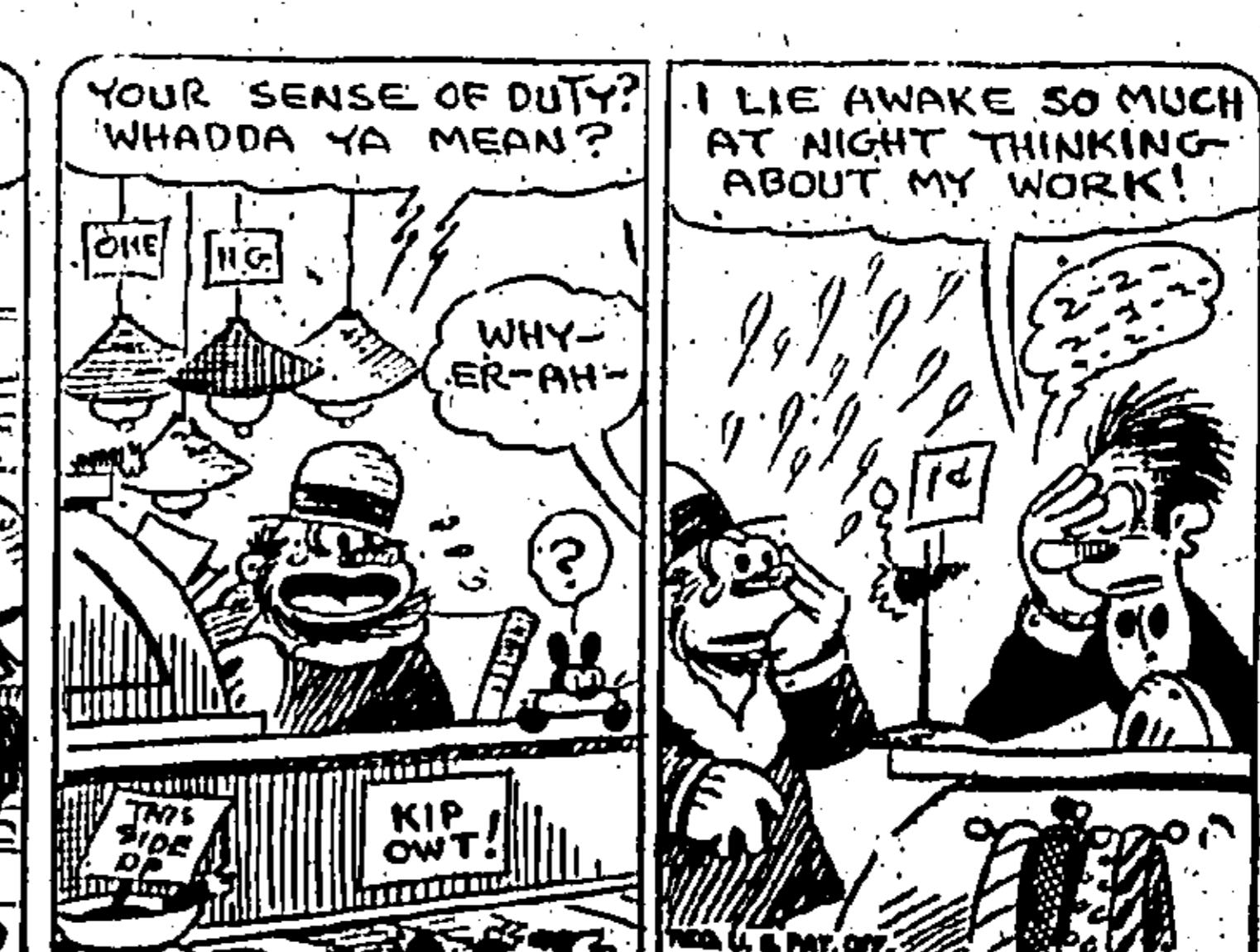
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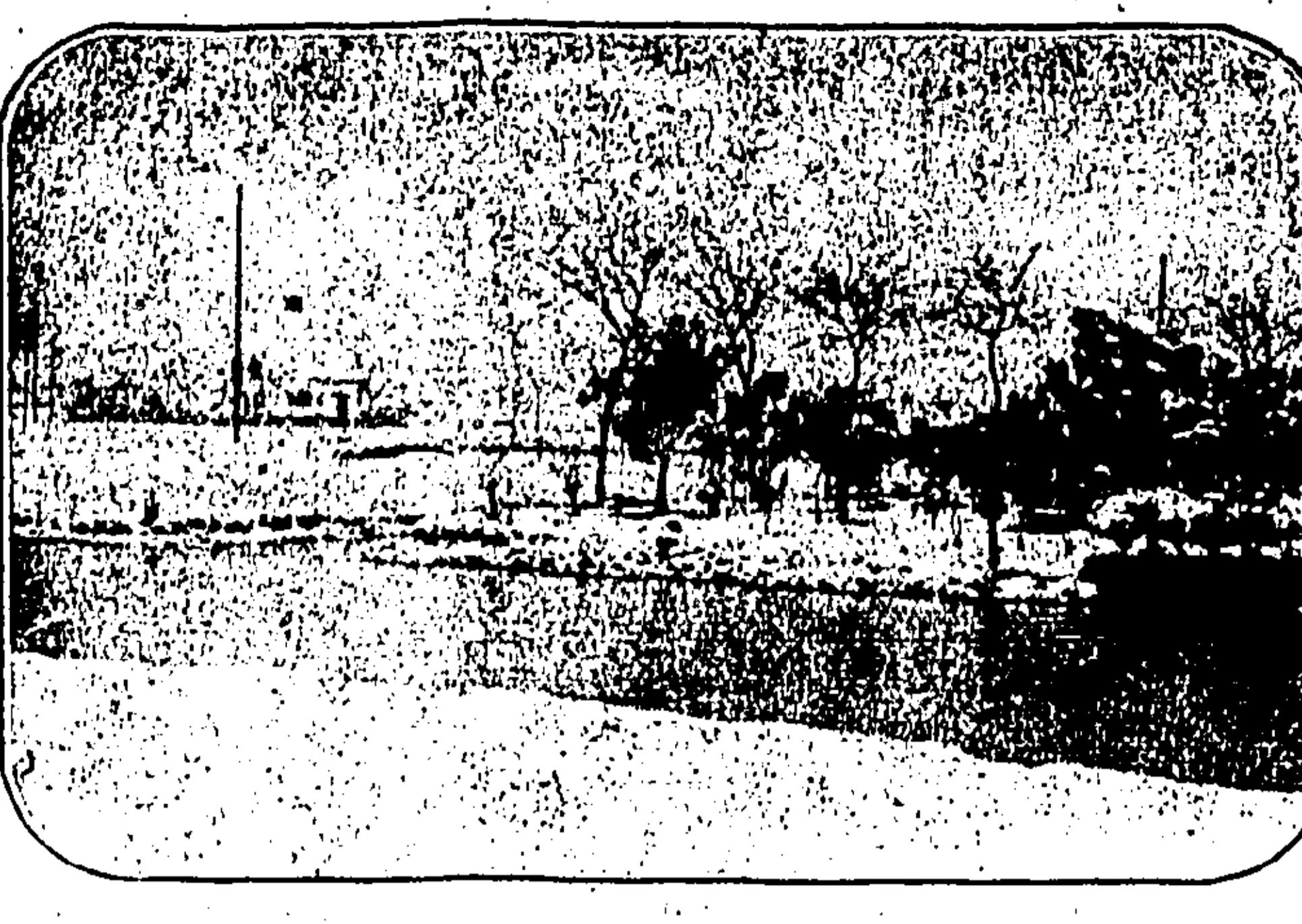
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By Small





Shanghai has been experiencing the severest winter for many years. This winding, misty trail scene was taken in the Jeafford Park District.



The snow "began in the gloaming" and easily fell the whole night through as Shanghai residents found recently. This picturesque view of a Shanghai suburban area shows Winter's mantle garbing the countryside.



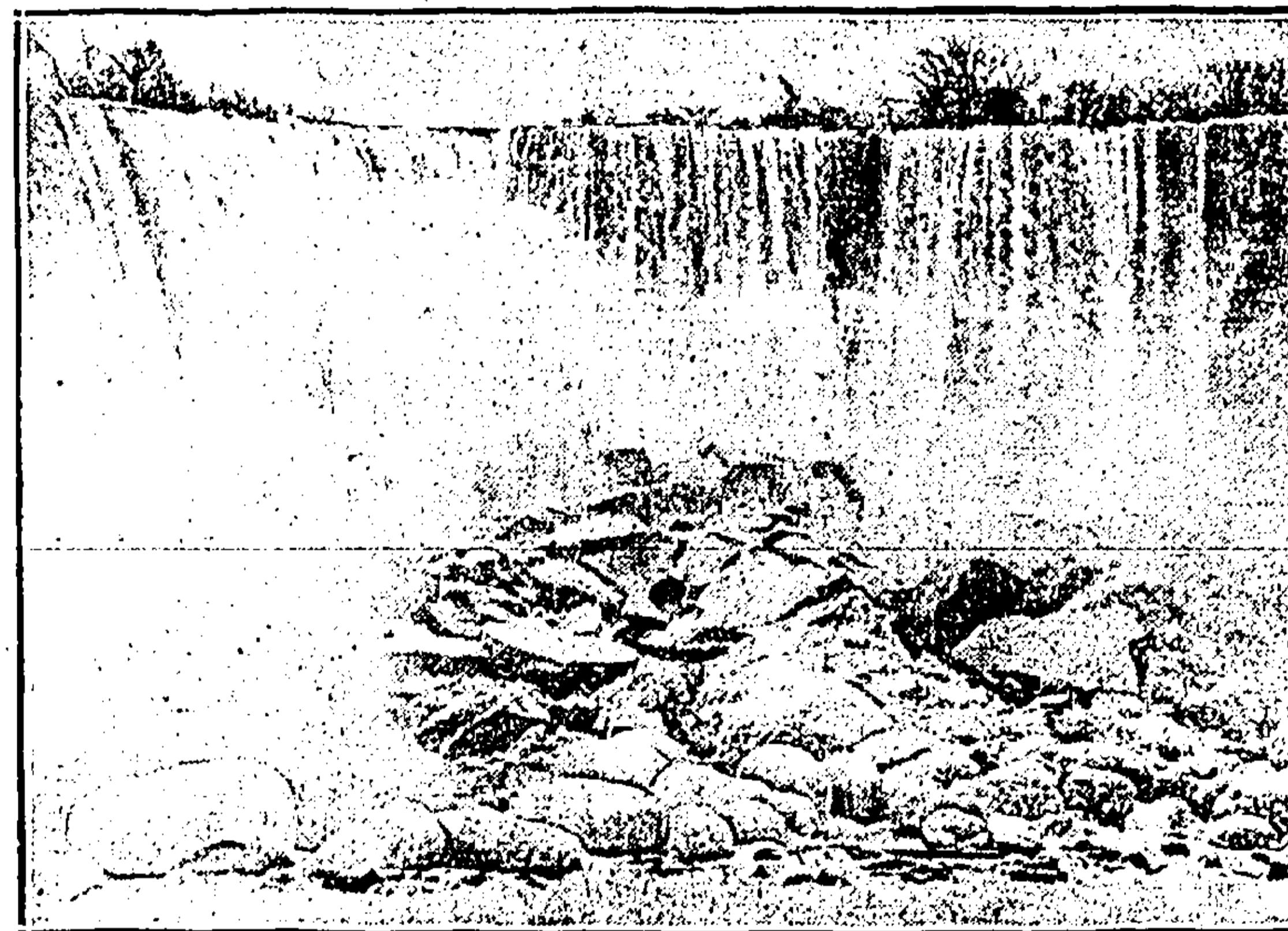
Peri of Borham, a Chinchilla female, which won three first prizes and the championship at the recent London cat show.



Photo taken after the Shanghai wedding of Miss Lydia Rosenberg and Mr. F. W. Elnor. Mr. Guoqua was best man, and the bridesmaids were the Misses Mary Elliott, Natalie Yutie and V. Morin.



An effective photograph, showing the snow. The view, unusual though it is, was a common one on Shanghai's district roads recently.



This picture shows how the changed contour of Niagara Falls looks like from below. Thousands of tons of rocks, some of them as large as houses, are heaped half-way up the face of the American falls. Left centre, the new gap in the crest of the cataract can be seen plainly.



Returning to America recently, Primo Carnera is shown above giving Miss May Lee a lift to get her first glimpse of New York's skyline.



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NOTICE is hereby given that the 42nd Ordinary Annual Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the Company, Exchange Building, Des Voeux Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, on Wednesday, the 18th day of March, 1931, at 11.30 a.m., for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ended 31st December, 1930.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Wednesday, 4th March, 1931, to Wednesday, 18th March, 1931, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors,

ALLAN KEITH,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 19th February, 1931.

THE HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

ANNUAL RACE MEETING
1931.

28TH FEBRUARY, 2ND, 3RD, 4TH
AND 7TH MARCH, 1931.

On Saturday, 28th February the first race will be run at 1.30 p.m., and on all other days at 11.30 a.m. On the first day the first bell will be rung at 1 p.m. and on the other four days at 11 a.m.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE.

Members are reminded that they and their ladies must wear their badges prominently displayed.

No one without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure.

Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10.00 per day including tax—\$40.00 including tax for the Meeting (ladies \$6.00 and \$20.00 respectively), are obtainable through the Secretary upon introduction by a Member, such Member to be responsible for all chits, &c.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the Race Course.

On no pretext will children be permitted in either enclosure during the first four days of the Meeting.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$4.00 per day including tax for all persons, including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform are admitted to the Public Enclosure at \$1.00 per day including tax.

Bookmakers, Tic Tac men, &c. will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hongkong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

SERVANTS' PASSES.

Passes for Servants will be issued on application to Messrs. Linstead and Davis, Alexandra Buildings.

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By Order,

C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

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Notice to Shareholders.

THE ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, 1, Queen's Building, Victoria, Hongkong, on Thursday, 5th March, 1931, at 11 a.m., for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, and Electing Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from Friday, 20th February, 1931, to Thursday, 5th March, 1931, both days inclusive, during which period NO transfer of shares can be registered.

By order of the Board of Directors.

JOHN ARNOLD,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 6th February, 1931.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

Notice is hereby given that the Forty-second Ordinary Yearly Meeting will be held at the Company's Offices, P. and O. Building, on Wednesday, 18th March, 1931, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1930 and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Register of Members of the Company will be closed from 5th March, 1931 to 18th March, 1931, both days inclusive, during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

Notice is hereby given that the Thirty-fifth Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Shareholders in the Company will be held at the Company's Town Office 2 Lower Albert Road, on Wednesday, the 18th March, 1931 at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts, declaring a Dividend and re-electing Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 7th to the 18th March, 1931, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors,

J. D. THOMSON,
Acting Secretary.
Hongkong, 27th February, 1931.

THE DAIRY FARM ICE & COLD STORAGE COMPANY, LTD.

NOTICE RE TRANSFER OF SHARES.

Shareholders are requested to note that no "New Issue" shares will be transferred until after the Transfer Books have been re-opened on the 19th March 1931.

By order of the Board of Directors:

J. D. THOMSON,
Acting Secretary.
Hongkong, 27th February, 1931.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

The Final Dividend declared for the Year ending 31st December, 1931 at the rate of Three Pounds Sterling together with a Bonus of One Pound Sterling at exchange 11½% is payable on and after the 2nd March, 1931, at the Offices of the Corporation, where shareholders are requested to apply for Warrants.

By order of the Board of Directors.

V. M. GRAYBURN,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 28th February, 1931.

THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING CO., LTD.

Notice is hereby given that the Forty-seventh Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders in the above-named Company will be held at St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, Hongkong, on Friday, the 27th March, 1931, at 11 o'clock a.m. for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ended 31st December, 1930, and to transact the ordinary business of the Company.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be Closed from Saturday, 14th March, 1931, until Friday, 27th March, 1931, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 2nd March, 1931.

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Notice to Shareholders.

THE FORTY-FOURTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on THURSDAY, the 19th March, 1931, AT NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1930.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from Tuesday, the 10th March, 1931, to Thursday, the 19th March, 1931, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors,

F. H. CRAPNELL,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 2nd March, 1931.

HONG KONG TECHNICAL INSTITUTE.

The Institute will re-open on Wednesday, March 4th. Entry Forms and copies of Prospectus may be obtained at the Education Department or at the Central British School.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

R. OHL,
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Hongkong, 3rd March, 1931.

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PUBLIC AUCTION.

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By Order of the Committee

A. NISSIM,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 27th February, 1931.

THE HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

Annual Race Meeting 1931.

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By Order,

C. B. BROWN,
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Hongkong, 25th February, 1931.

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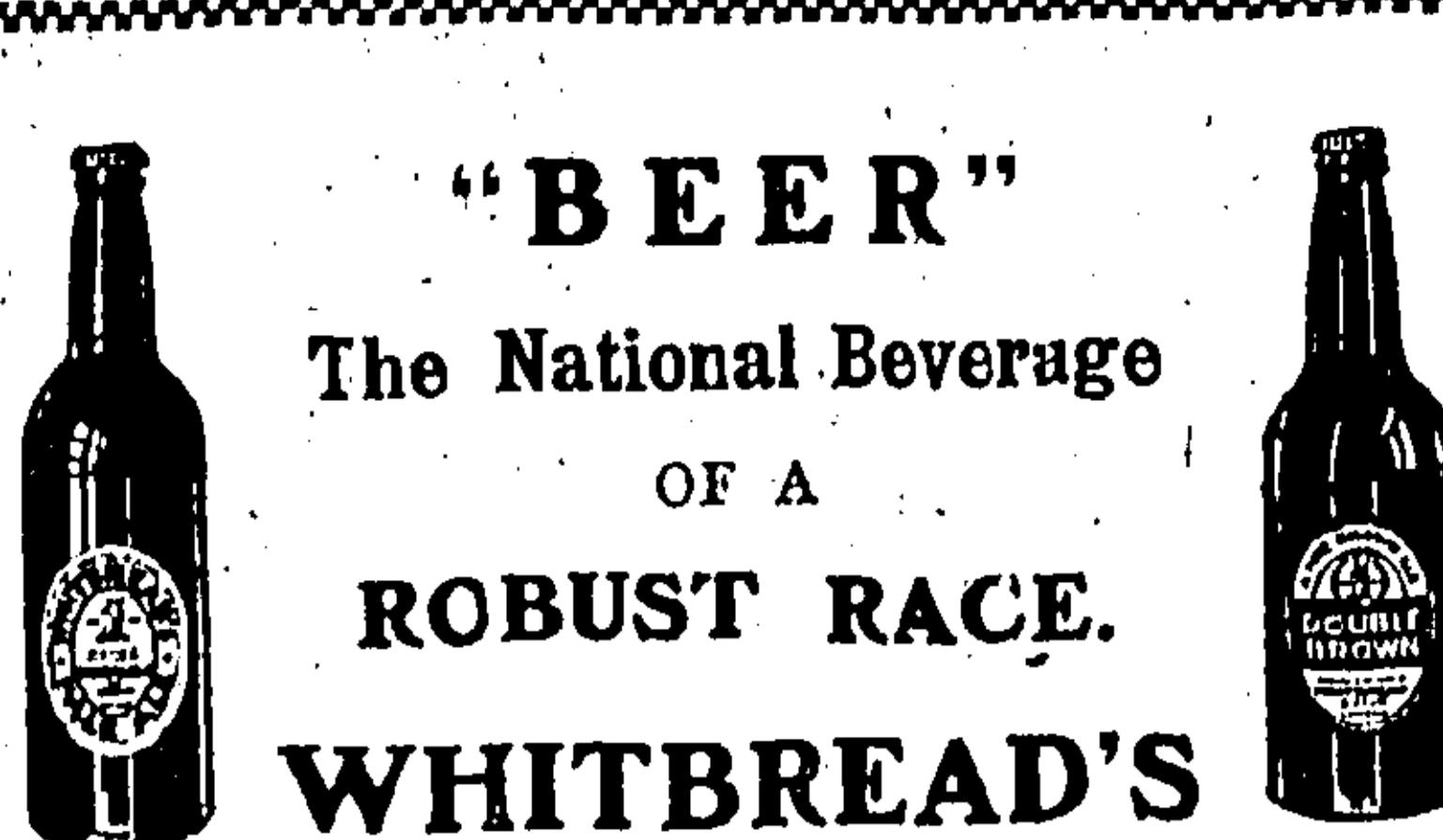
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TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 1931.

CURRENCY & TRADE.

Those who had hoped for any extensive reference to the silver crisis at the annual meeting of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation must have been extremely disappointed, since the question was but lightly touched upon in the lengthy speech from the chair. The possibility of silver values improving some time in the dim future as a result of the operation of natural forces was mentioned, but there was nothing in the speech to suggest that any degree of stability in the exchange value of the metal is likely to be witnessed. On the point as to how low the Hongkong dollar may fall, it was admitted that the question is impossible of answering. There was, therefore, little in Mr. Plummer's handling of the question on behalf of the Directors to indicate future tendencies. On the point of governmental action with a view to bringing some stability into existence, the opinion expressed tallyes with that of Mr. Snowden when he says that no practical scheme for international action has yet been put forward. That may be perfectly true, but it would seem that unless the position improves in the near future, joint action of some sort by the interested Powers will become an absolute necessity.

One point in the speech deserves mention, namely, the observation that it is comforting to remember that trade is, in the last analysis, barter and is bound in the long run to recover its equilibrium, whatever the level of monetary exchange. This is true in a sense, but we can find nothing comforting in the possibility of present exchange values being maintained for any length of time; that is, so far as China's trade with the outside world is concerned. It was conceded by the Bank's spokesman that obvious damage to the world as a whole has been caused by the collapse of silver, which factor was also cited as having been calamitous for the Eastern trade. Trade can, of course, adjust itself to any monetary standards, but the outstanding fact in the present situation is that as a direct consequence of the decline in silver, China's purchasing power has been cut in half. It therefore follows if, by whatever means, stability were effected at a low silver value, the volume of trade

between China and the rest of the world must suffer. The situation to-day, however, is that there is no stability whatever in the silver market, a fact which must make trade adjustment extremely difficult. Little emphasis is needed on the point that commerce can adjust itself to a stable factor much more expeditiously and effectively than to one which is constantly varying. For this reason, China's eventual adoption of a gold standard will prove an inestimable boon both to herself and to those countries with whom she trades.

The point we have made in regard to trade adjusting itself to monetary values is one which deserves attention in relation to the purely local question of the future of Hongkong's currency. It has been freely asserted that for Hongkong to "go gold" would be disastrous from the trading point of view. This, we may be sure, is the main issue with which the Currency Mission from Home will be concerned. If, however, trade will regain its equilibrium irrespective of currency values, it surely follows that Hongkong has nothing to fear if it stabilizes its dollar irrespective of what China does. It cannot be too often stressed that Hongkong's primary assets are its geographical position, the services it can offer, and the security assured to those who make it a base for their commercial activities. These are the factors which bring trade through the Colony for the China market, factors which do not obtain elsewhere, with currency as a more or less secondary consideration. Stability must mean an easing of the position locally at least, whilst at the same time creating confidence in the Colony as a trading base.

Public Health.

Professor Gerrard, initiating the annual health campaign which is being conducted this week among the Chinese community, gave the organisers some very practical advice concerning the education of the public in health matters, particularly in the direction of establishing more firmly the realm of preventive medicine. As he pointed out, the extremely valuable work which has been done by the Chinese Medical Association and collaborating associations in past years, which it is hoped to consolidate and amplify this week, entitle these organisations to the highest public confidence and esteem. This is especially true of a group of enthusiasts who need not be named. At the same time, we cannot help feeling, after Professor Gerrard's survey of the problems and the difficulties, that the thing is becoming too big and its importance too vital, for contention with what propaganda is possible during one short week in a year. Pure air, pure water, pure food, adequate sunlight, good housing conditions, cleanliness in personal, domestic, and civic habits, common sense in eating and drinking and opportunities of the health of the individual and the community. A glance from the upper levels, the city of Victoria, in all its ugliness, with row upon row of crowded slum tenements, coupled with the realisation of the needs of the community if disease is to be prevented and controlled, appeals even those whose only part in the campaign of health takes the form of encouragement. The actual workers too must feel despondent of genuine progress sometimes. Yet when the time comes for the annual drive, they are out again persevering, willing, even enthusiastic. Because of this, it would seem a great asset if their labours could be supplemented during the "close season." A weekly newspaper article, published in all the Chinese journals, and similar forms of propaganda could be employed to great advantage.

The defendant admitted the offence, but said she was a newcomer and did not know the local regulations.

Mr. Macfadyen said he had no reason to disbelieve the defendant's story that she was only passing through Hongkong on her way to Yunnan with the *mai-tsai*. At the same time she had been in the Colony for ten days and was staying in a house where there was a registered *mai-tsai*. The prosecution, however, were only asking for a nominal penalty.

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COLONIAL NAVAL DEFENCE.

MEASURE WHICH MAY AFFECT HONGKONG.

BILL BECOMES LAW.

London, Mar. 2.
The House of Commons to-day agreed to the third reading of the Colonial Naval Defence Bill.

The measure has already been passed by the House of Lords and it therefore now becomes law.—*Reuter*.

During the second reading of the Bill in the House of Commons, Hongkong was mentioned in the course of the debate. Rear Admiral Beamish (Con., Lewes), in a speech on the subject, said:—

If we can impress on the Colonies the necessity for their own defence, and how welcome would be their aid in the event of the Empire getting into trouble, we shall do a great deal of good by discussing this Bill. At the present time something like 25% of the paid for the naval defence of the country, but in many of our Colonies vast sums of money are made by people who live and have their business in those Colonies and in most instances do not pay anything directly towards the defence of this country, and of the Empire and of the Colony in which they live. I am delighted to see in this Bill the two provisions which have been mentioned, one empowering the Colonies to combine and the other in regard to the training of naval ratings and officers from the Colonies. I think that those parts of the Bill are altogether to the good.

In winding up the debate, Mr. G. Ammon, Parliamentary Secretary to the Admiralty, said:—Up to now there are no Colonies which have either ships or personnel, but we hope that, coming out of this Bill, that may actually happen, giving them the facility now to combine together in order to provide both the necessary ships and personnel for their respective defence forces. It is also anticipated that Ceylon and Malaya may come into this scheme, though not as a combination. The slopes are not within the limits of the Naval Treaty and would be suitable for the particular Colonies to raise.

A NEW RELIGION.

G. K. CHESTERTON'S FORECAST.

New York, Jan. 28.
A New York audience has just voted, by 2,359 to 1,022, that "the world will return to religion."

The vote followed a debate between the greatest American criminal lawyer, Mr. Clarence Darrow who defended Scopes in the Tennessee Evolution Trial, and Mr. G. K. Chesterton.

Taking the negative view, Mr. Darrow said: "I never yet knew a man who thoroughly believed in his own religion."

"The very idea of religion is based on crude and uninformed theories of the universe. Millions have freed themselves from it and now laugh at it."

"Man does not need religion, he merely turns to it weakly in moments of stress for consolidation."

Replying, Mr. Chesterton said: "I think we shall see two big movements, on the one side towards Roman Catholicism, and on the other to some new religion that may be an amalgamation of other creeds, possibly drawing much of its strength from Spiritualism or Christian Science."

"I base this prediction on the fact that the world has never yet failed to return to religion after a period of scepticism and agnosticism. Eddington, Jeans and other great scientists of to-day are on the side of religion."

"Even if religion were all a delusion, it would still be necessary, because man is a creature not complete without it."

AN HONOUR FOR MR. CHARLES CHAPLAIN.

LABOUR M.P.'S SUGGESTION TO PRIME MINISTER.

London, Feb. 25.
Mr. Joseph W. Coole, Labour member of Parliament for South Salford, has written a letter to the Prime Minister, Mr. Ramsay Macdonald, in which he says: "I respectfully suggest that it would be a fitting thing, during the visit to this country of Mr. Charles Chaplin, that some distinction should be conferred on him. The whole world is indebted to this wonderful Englishman who has by his art made the children and elders of all countries happy by his performances on the screen."

SPECULATION ON NAVAL PACT.

(Continued from Page 1.)

as an important step towards disarmament and world peace, the *Ash* and the *Jiji* in editorial comments to-day express wholehearted felicitations to Britain and America for the happy culmination of their efforts to bring about an agreement.

Mr. Henderson's strenuous efforts at the final stage are singled out for special praise, while congratulations are expressed to France and Italy for the spirit of conciliation and mutual concession which enabled success to be achieved.—*Reuter*.

The Tonnages.

Paris, Mar. 2.
The French fleet will be 630,000 tons, namely a superiority of 160,000 tons over Italy, provided by the new naval agreement, according to the *Echo de Paris*, which declares that France and Italy will have the same number of 10,000-ton cruisers, while 70,000 tons of submarines will be allotted to France.—*Reuter*.

Reaction Elsewhere.

Tokyo, Mar. 2.
According to a seemingly inspired report appearing in this afternoon's vernacular papers, the Franco-Italian parity has resulted in the following agreement:

Submarines...France, 80,000 tons; Italy, 50,000 tons.
Eight-inch gun cruisers...a status quo.
Light cruisers and destroyers...France, 136,000 tons; Italy, 120,000 tons.
Capital ships...France to construct two, each of 23,000 tons, to offset Germany's "pocket" battleships; Italy to build two of smaller tonnage.

Fear is expressed lest Britain should consider it necessary to increase her own submarine tonnage to offset France, in which case it might be necessary for Japan to exercise her rights under Article 21 of the London Treaty to do likewise.—*Reuter*.

American Opinion.

Washington, Mar. 2.
Well-informed circles are of opinion that the naval agreement is acceptable to the United States. They assume that the proposed changes are of a minor character, compared with the London agreement, and will not affect vitally either the United States or Japan.—*Reuter's American Service*.

SUGAR MARKET.

THE LATEST CABLED QUOTATIONS.

The following cable at the close of the sugar market yesterday has been received by Messrs. Penneath and Co.

London Terminials.

March 5/10½ down 1d.
May 6/1½ down 3d.
August 6/4½ down 3d.
December 6/8 down 1½ d.
Buyers at the above prices: sellers ½d more.

New York Terminals.

March 1/20 down 2 pts.
May 1/26 down 4 pts.
July 1/34 down 4 pts.
September 1/41 down 4 pts.
December 1/48 down 5 pts.

London 2/3/31—Market closed quiet; trade is dull.

Lady Peel has consented to distribute the prizes at the annual prize-giving at Central British School on Tuesday, 10 March, at St. Andrew's Church Hall.

Watch for it for Gingers' sake!

*Starting
TO-MORROW.*

JAPANESE TENNIS STARS.

BRILLIANT DISPLAY GIVEN YESTERDAY.

Yamagishi and Shimura, the leading doubles players of Japan, continued the run of successes which they enjoyed in the Manila Olympic Game recently, by trouncing local players in a series of exhibition matches on the Club ground yesterday.

The Rumjahn cousins were their victims in the doubles encounter, though only after a stiff fight, whilst Paul Kong and C. A. L. Rumjahn provided very little opposition in the singles.

The bleak and damp conditions were not conducive to the players to give of their best, but the tennis did not fall much below standard, and a large crowd were fully satisfied with the display.

The doubles match was a very happy-go-lucky affair, with the Rumjahn endeavouring to force the pace from the start. Up to a point they were successful, but they could not entirely break through the steady defence of the visitors, who, after extracting the sting from the Indians' attack, launched a counter-offensive with some brilliant smashing which the locals could not withstand. It was a game in which all four players shone at intervals.

C. A. L. Rumjahn, although exploiting the majority of his spin shots, failed to get past the steady defence of Shimura, and led into making overhead blunders, he lost in straight sets. Shimura's placements were cleverly effected, and Rumjahn was worried out of his length by the persistent accuracy of the Japanese returner.

Paul Kong engaged Yamagishi in the other singles, and gave his most disappointing display in Hongkong to date. He failed to find his touch throughout, and Yamagishi's love-set win were evidence of the poorness of the game.

The scores were:
Yamagishi beat Paul Kong, 6-0,
6-0.
Yamagishi and Shimura beat the Rumjahn, 4-6, 6-2, 6-3.
Shimura beat C. A. L. Rumjahn, 6-2, 6-2.

SHARE PRICES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:

Banks.

Hongkong Bank, \$2102½ n. x Div.
Chartered Bank, £16½
Mercantile A. and B., \$23½ n.
East Asia \$116 n.

Insurances.

Canton Ins., \$1300 b.
Union Ins., \$645 n.
North China Ins., Tls. 160 b.
China Underwriters, \$3.60 b.
Yangtze Ins., \$50 n.
China Fires, \$535 b.
H. K. Fire Ins., \$1305 n.

Shipping.

Douglas, \$27 a.
H. K. Steamboats, \$26.75 a.
Indo-Chinas, (Def.) \$30 n.
Union Waterboats, \$37 n.

Mining.

Benguet, \$10½ n.
Kaolins, 36½ n.
Shai Explorations, Tls. 2½ n.
Raubs 40½ n.

Docks, etc.

Kowloon Wharves, \$172 a.
Whampoa Docks, \$30½ b.
South China Motors \$10 n.
China Providents, \$5.40 b. (old).
Hongkew, Tls. 274 b.
New Engineers, Tls. 5¾ b.
Shanghai Docks, Tls. 110 b.

Cottons.

Two Cotton, Tls. 15.95 n.
Shai Cotton Tls. 103 (old) n.
Lands, Hotels, etc.
H. and S. Hotels, \$12.85 s.
H. K. Land, \$84½ b.
Shai Land Tls. 410 b.
Humprys, \$16.85 n.
Realities, \$9.60 b.

Public Utilities.

Tramways, \$17.60 b.
Peak Trams, (old) \$14½ n.
Star Ferries, \$88 b.
China Lights, (old) \$25 b.
H. K. Electric, \$80 b.
Telephones, \$42 b.
China Buses, Tls. 19 n.
Singapore Tractions, 6/6 s.

Industrials.

China Sugars, \$80 cts. n.
Malabon, \$36 b.
Canton Ices, \$3.40 s.
Cements (Combi.), \$16.60 b.
Ropes, \$14.20 b.
Venz. Goldfields, \$9.60 b.

Stores, etc.

Dairy Farms, \$26.10 s.
Watson, \$13.40 n.
Der A. Wings, \$1 n.
Lane Crawford, \$9.00 b.
Mackintosh, \$20 n.
Sincere, \$13.4 n.

Miscellaneous.

Amusements, \$26½ n.
Constructions, \$5.80 b.
B'quo Ind. G. Bonds, \$68 8% s.
H.K.G. Loan 7% prem.

THE BABBITTS.

(Continued from Page 6.)

Mr. Sinclair Lewis—to provide the needed cloak of anonymity. Otherwise there shall be no departure from literal accuracy.

The preliminaries were a little disturbing. I found my way to the ante-chamber of the hotel ball-room, where the business magnates of Zenith were to dine, and hesitantly disclosed my incongruous identity. Everyone was polite, but I felt from the first how little heartiness nature had infused into my frigid make-up. Everyone was Fred or George or Jim, and most of them were in real estate, a calling which seems to emanate a special heartiness of its own.

The same sort of forthrightness no doubt had been responsible for the heading, "HARRIS TO TALK BEFORE CHAMBER". In the local paper, betraying the sub-editor's gratifying confidence that the one and only Harris of any consequence in either hemisphere could need no further description.

But enough of irrelevances. In due course the company was seated (15 minutes had been left for that process in the schedule), and the chairman announced, after some bantering with the gavel, that Pastor Johnson would render the invocation—in England we usually call it grace.

The Hip Flask.

Then the realtors of Zenith fell to eating. The realtors of Zenith also fell to drinking. Not, indeed, from every hip was the flask with its seductive and stimulating contents drawn, but from a startling number of them. The drinker in a prohibition country is always hospitable. To defy the law behind your own closed doors is a dull diversion. So every flask that appeared was soon going its generous round, and heartiness became progressively heartier still. To that there were some drawbacks. It is well, no doubt, sometimes, for tongues to be loosened, but not, for preference, when public speeches are in progress.

The loosening, moreover, developed as the night advanced—and I was the last of the speakers on the list (as a climax, not an afterthought, I would hasten to explain). Before then it fell to the President to expatiate on the growth of Zenith—to the great profit, obviously, of Zenith realtors. I took no note of the statistics. Comparisons with Chicago and Philadelphia were freely drawn. Population expanding, site-values rising, new bridges and subways in contemplation—the depression had clearly left the township of Zenith unscathed.

Traction corporations, public utilities, private interests—technical terminology and shattering statistics were omitted in a steady flow for the benefit of a company which fortunately had its flasks to drain and the intimate conversation of Fred or George to listen to in preference—marked a preference to the speakers on the programme.

I Go on The Air.

About this time, by the way, there was considerable anxious talk about going on the air. We went on the air (in simpler English, though the explanation is no doubt superfluous, began to be broadcast), at 9.30, and the agenda had to be carefully handled so that the expectant public from Miami to Los Angeles should get the cream of the entertainment. It got me, among other things.

By the time I rose the room was half empty (I understand there were unadvertised liquid attractions elsewhere) and the announcement of my name and subject had much the same effect on the remaining half as a cry of fire outside.

But I carried on, Zenith Chamber of Commerce had asked to hear about the United States of Europe, and it should hear it in the person of its President at least, for he, at any rate, could not desert his post. But going on the air was fatal. I can talk peacefully through a microphone as well as most men. I can make my voice heard above a buzz of conversation (there was sufficient audience left to make a quite substantial buzz) better than some. But I have never pretended to be able to combine the two. The audience was too obtrusive to be ignored, and so I shouted. What it sounded like to the radio audience I have not heard, and trust I never shall.

However, Zenith Chamber of Commerce was pleased. Even as I am writing this article I have received an official letter saying how pleased it was. Why, you may reasonably ask, I give the explanation that was given to me. Zenith loves, among other things, culture. The advance publicity announcing that someone, however obscure (and Zenith knows nothing about his obscurity), was coming from England to address the Zenith Chamber on the United States of Europe, put that body forthwith on a level with the American Academy of Political Science.

One final, but most essential, word. Is this the typical American? Emphatically not. One or two of my American friends who shared with me the diversion of seeing the Babbitts dole said it was an experience as new to them as to me.

CINEMA NOTES.

NORMA SHEARER IN "LET US BE GAY."

Norma Shearer is starred by Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer in the picturization of "Let Us Be Gay," which is showing at the Queen's Theatre. This is Shearer's fifth talking picture and is regarded by critics as the smartest performance of the screen's famous actress. She made her notable debut in "The Trial of Mary Dugan" and her last role was in the sensational talkieization of the Urula Parrot novel, "The Divorce."

Robert Z. Leonard, who directed "The Divorce," is again credited with the direction of the new Shearer film. Recognized as one of the screen's foremost directors in silent films, Leonard has more than equalled this reputation since the advent of talkies, filming "Marlaine" and "In Gay Madrid" before directing Miss Shearer.

The story is from the sophisticated stage play of the same name in which Francine Lorraine scored on the New York stage.

Playing opposite the star is Rod La Rocque, popular silent picture leading man in talkies. In the picture La Rocque plays the part of Miss Shearer's husband, whose philandering motivates the plot.

Heading the supporting cast is Marie Dressler, fresh from triumphs in "Anna Christie," "Caught Short." Miss Dressler plays the colourful role of the eccentric dowager who summons Miss Shearer, changed from a dowdy housewife into a smart woman of the world, to vamp a charming man from her adolescent granddaughter. This is an ideal characterization for Miss Dressler and she makes the most of it in her own inimitable way.

Director and Star Turn "Muskers."

George O'Brien, featured in the Fox Movietone all-talking drama of the snowdrifts entitled "Rough Romance," and A. F. Erickson, director, did some real "musking" over heavy trunks while on location in the Cascade Range back of Tacoma, Washington.

Location headquarters had been established in National Park Inn, at Longmire and O'Brien and Erickson, with a few others, had gone on up the trail to Paradise, further up the slope of Mount Rainier, in advance of the main party which was to bring equipment by dog sled.

A blizzard came up and the dog sled party found itself almost at a standstill. Learning of this, Erickson with O'Brien, a famous athlete as well as screen star, went down to the stalled sleds and put their shoulders

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FANLING HUNT.

STANDARD MAINTAINED LAST WEDNESDAY.

Hounds met at Dill's Corner on the last Wednesday in the month and maintained the high level of sport shown during the last fortnight.

The weather was again kind to us, rain the previous day had made the ground excellent. Scouting conditions were fair only, a rise of a degree or two in the temperature actually occurring after 3 p.m. This probably accounted for Rainbow and Rippler, two of the best hounds, running rather ahead of the remainder of the pack.

A few minutes after 3.15 Capt. Mould moved off to draw the name cover that was drawn at the opening meet.

Rippler and Rainbow went away mute from cover and were not followed by the remainder of the pack until they were quite a quarter of a mile ahead. Pessimists forecast a bad run with the line fouled by the leading hounds. This actually was not the case; tall hounds hunted the line well together and at a very fair pace.

The line ran in a large circle to finish across some bare paddies, which gave excellent going not far from the draw.

After a short pause Mr. Corbett, who as usual was the fox, and a very crafty one too, left to lay the second line. After gleying the fox the usual fifteen minutes' grace, bounds were again put on near Dill's Corner, but this time to run South of Potts' Bungalow. Rainbow and Rippler again led by some distance, but a loop in the line put tall bounds up again and the whole pack went away at a good pace after the fox, who had set his mark for the Indies' Golf Course. Shortly after crossing the road "Mary" made one of her rare mistakes. (How are the mighty fallen?)

The field had to go hard to be in sight of bounds at all. Mr. Alec Potts took a ten foot drop jump into an empty water hole and parted company; fortunately he was not hurt.

The fox mounting had been viewed, Mr. Corbett had to gallop hard in front to save his brush, bounds eventually catching him between Potts' Bungalow and the new Course.

We were very glad to see Mr. and Mrs. Alec Potts out again. This is the first time Mr. Potts has been out since he broke his wrist hunting last month. Amongst others we noticed Miss Scott Harston and Mrs. Anderson. The field was smaller than usual - on this occasion fifteen.

Thursday's meet is at the Kennels and is a bye-day. This is a change from normal, but Thursday is a non-racing day.

The Acting Master will probably try to hunt the real article on this occasion.

Messrs. Thomson and Co. will shortly publish a list of forthcoming meets.

CORRESPONDENCE.

A Hockey League.

[To The Editor of Hongkong Telegraph.]

Sir.—"Enthusiast's" letter published in your paper on the 29th February does not seem to have evoked much enthusiasm from local hockey clubs. Perhaps secretaries are rather shy of the additional work the formation of a league would entail, or may be the lack of interest is just plain "Hongkongites".

I know of one club which will be only too pleased to assist in the formation of a league, the name of which I shall be glad to supply to any hockey club secretaries who may be interested.

Thanks are due to Messrs. Gilman and Co., for their kind offer of a challenge shield.

Wake up, hockey fans, and get together for a little more organization.

BACK STICK.

In play for the Felix Ellis Cup for February, A. G. Coplin (2 down) qualified.

BOXING.

CITY HALL

Thursday, 5th March, 1931,
at 9.15 p.m.

MAIN EVENT

Middle-Weight Championship
of the Colony

"JOCK" CRICHTON

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For Members of the Hongkong
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2nd and Tuesday, 3rd March.
General Public: Wednesday, 4th
and Thursday, 5th March.
Ringside Seats \$5.50;
Others \$2.30 and \$1.10.
Including Amusement Tax.

RIFLE MEETING.

LAST SUNDAY'S SHOOT AT KOWLOON.

Teams drawn from the Petty Officers, of H.M.S. Sandwich, and members H.K.S. Bde. R.A., Serfs-Muss, met in a shoot held at Kowloon on Sunday. Five practices were fired, and were very keenly contested. At the finish of practice No. 4, both teams were all square. The Bobbing Jinnie at the last range saw the Mess get home by a small margin of eight points.

For the Mess, Weyman scored four short of a possible, with Russell close up. Johnson with 80 and Hardy and Francis, 82, were the pick of the P.O.'s Team. Both teams included one Officer.

Scores: Petty Officers.

Lieut. Medley	60
P.O. Johnson	86
P.O. Francis	82
P.O. Cook	64
P.O. Hardy	82
P.O. Richards	73
P.O. Biddlecome	77
P.O. Iliffe	66
Total	596

Mess

Lieut. Waring	70
B.Q.M.S. Hill	50
B.Q.M.S. Weyman	96
Sergt. Russell	90
Sergt. De La Haye	83
Sergt. Mann	77
Sergt. Williams	71
Sergt. Harbour	67
Total	604

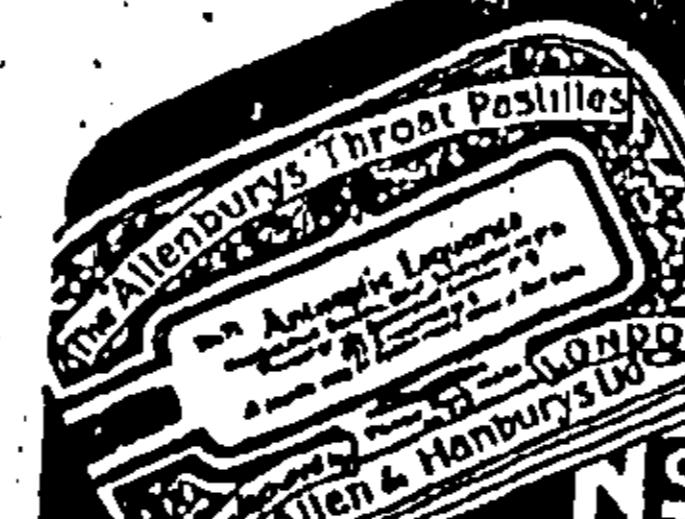
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LOCAL CRICKET.

K.C.C. EASILY DEFEAT THE VOLUNTEERS YESTERDAY.

The cricket match, commenced on Sunday, between the Kowloon Cricket Club and the Volunteers, was resumed yesterday, and resulted in an easy victory for the K.C.C. by nine wickets. Scoring was high in the first innings, the Volunteers knocking up 272 in their first innings. Kowloon were 42 runs behind at the close of play, E. Flincher being then 76 not out and Loyal 4 not out. These two resumed Kowloon's innings yesterday, while Flincher did not stay long, being bowled by Beck after he had added nine to his over-night score. Loyal and Burnett then made a stand, and enabled Kowloon to take a lead of 28 runs on the first innings.

G. C. Burnett did all the damage for Kowloon in the Volunteers' second innings. He was mainly responsible for the low score of 72 put up by the Volunteers, capturing eight wickets for only 25 runs. Gillis was the only man to make anything of a show, scoring more than half his side's total. Scores:

Volunteers—1st Innings—272.

K.C.C.—1st Innings—300.

Volunteers—2nd Innings—72.

K.C.C.—2nd Innings—8.

E. Flincher, b Burnett..... 1

J. E. Richardson, b Burnett..... 1

S. V. Pittline, c and b Burnett..... 5

R. H. Green, b Burnett..... 5

R. M. Wood, c Hung, b Burnett..... 38

A. Reid, b Burnett..... 4

H. F. Green, c E. C. Flincher, b Burnett..... 7

A. C. Beck, b Burnett..... 2

G. E. R. Divett, c E. C. Flincher, b Burnett..... 0

R. R. Davies..... 6

Extras..... 5

Total (for 0 wkt.)..... 72

One man absent.
Bowling Analysis: O. M. R. W.

W. C. Hung 9 2 42 1

C. C. Burnett 9 2 25 8

K.C.C.—2nd Innings—12

E. Flincher, b Reid..... 12

N. A. E. Mackay, not out..... 13

E. E. Skinner, not out..... 19

Extras..... 4

Total (for 1 wkt.)..... 48

E. C. Flincher, W. C. Hung, F.

Zimmerm., E. E. Flincher, D. W.

Gregory, J. G. Lyon, G. C. Burnett

and Datzel did not bat.

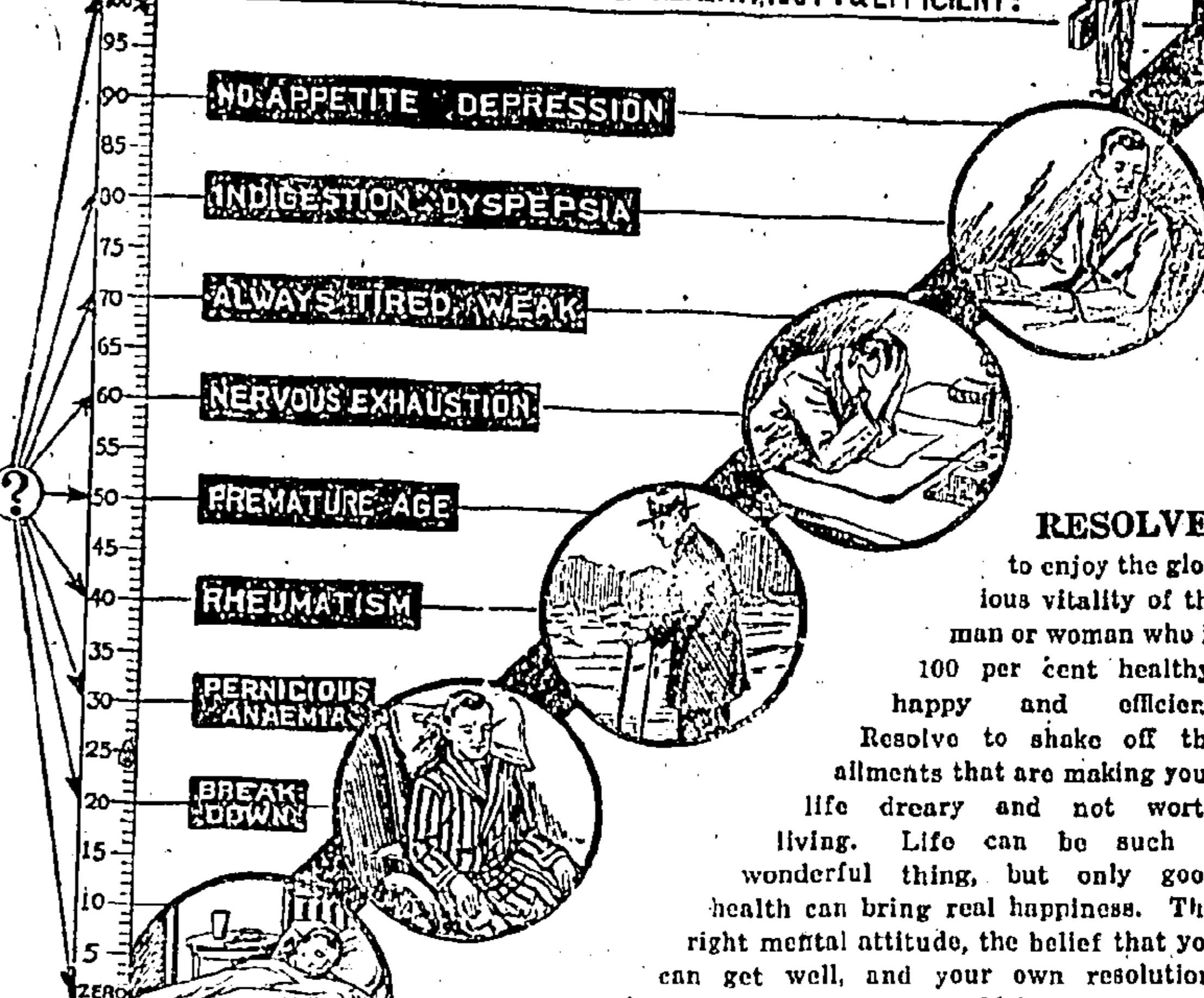
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D. Beck 2 1 13 1

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Murder At Bridge

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CHAPTER XLVIII

"That would be impossible," Miles said. "Your wife is already dead!" Then, silencing the hoarse outcries of the men and the screams of the women, came slow, terrible words: "Tracey Arthur Miles, I arrest you for the murder of your wife, known as Juanta Leigh Selim, and for the murder of Dexter Sprague. And it is my duty to warn you that anything you say may be used against you!"

Tracey Miles lifted his ashen face and stared at the detective blankly, as though he had gone deaf and blind. "All—over—isn't it? May I have a drink?" he managed to articulate at last.

"Poor devil! He needs it," the too soft-hearted young detective told himself, as Tracey Miles poured a drink from the almost empty whisky decanter and raised the little glass to his lips.

"I have—nothing—to say!" the murderer gasped thickly, then fell heavily to the floor.

It was three-quarters of an hour later. District Attorney, Sanderson, Captain Strawn and Dundee were alone in the house where Nita "Selim" had been murdered, and where her husband had confessed his crimes by committing suicide. The morgue ambulance had come and gone...

"I should have known," Dundee admitted ruefully, as the three men entered Nita's bedroom, "that so ingeniously a criminal as Tracey Miles would not have failed to provide against the possibility of discovery. He must have snatched an opportunity to spill cyanide of potassium into the decanter when my eyes were off him for a moment—and upon Lois Dunlap."

"I'm glad he did!" Sanderson said curtly. "But it was ghastly that poor Lois had to know that it was she, in all innocence, who fired the gun."

"It was," Dundee sighed. "But I believed that the only way I could make Miles to confess was to frighten him into thinking Flora would be killed."

"Captain Strawn and I are still in the dark as to exactly how Miles managed his wife's murder," Sanderson reminded him. "This morning you chose to tell us nothing more than that a Hamilton man had married Nita Leigh in New York in January, 1918, and that eight years ago when he saw her picture in *The Evening Sun*, along with the story that 'Anita Lee' had committed suicide, he had felt free to marry again. . . . You said then you knew who the man was but you would not even tell us how you knew—"

"Because I had very little actual proof then," Dundee answered. "As to who he was, the salient clue had been staring me in the face the whole time, but it was not until I was fooling with a set of anagrams last night, idling spelling out the names of all the men who might have married her and then murdered her, that I saw it—"

"Saw what?" Strawn demanded irritably.

"That Selim is simply Miles spelled backward," Dundee explained. "Possibly because he considered it the sophisticated thing to do, Miles used an assumed name at the party at which he met Nita Leigh. Even the first name, 'Mat,' by which she knew him, was only his initials reversed."

"Simple—but clever," Sanderson commented.

"Just as all of Miles' schemes were after Nita, egged on by Sprague, turned up in Hamilton to demand 'back alimony' as the price of her silence. . . . But let me show you how he killed his wife."

He strode to the big bronze lamp. "It took me less than an hour to day to reconstruct the death machine so that it would be almost exactly as it was when Miles finished his work just before 2:30 last Saturday—and as it remained until he had an opportunity to come back here and dismantle it. Trust him to find out that the guard was removed from the house Thursday!"

As he spoke, he was unscrewing the big, jewel-studded bowl of the bronze lamp. Wedged, at a downward-slanting angle, inside the bowl, which was 12 inches in diameter, was Judge Marshall's snub-nosed automatic and silencer, the end of the silencer projecting slightly from a hole whose jewel was missing.

"What if Nita had not asked him to mix the cocktails or had not gone to powder her face?" Strawn asked.

"The whole party was going to dine and dance at the Country Club. Miles would have escorted her home, as he had done on Monday night, and would then have made his opportunity. But I must tell you that on Saturday morning, according to the telephone operator in Miles' office, Nita rang him to say she must see him as soon as possible, her unexpressed intention being to tell him that she was not going to bother him again. He told her he would be right out, but Nita said she and Lydia were going into Hamilton and would not be back

until 2:30—the time the bridge game was scheduled to begin. But Miles came on out, having previously stolen the gun and silencer and having studied the house—

"How did he get in?" Sanderson wanted to know.

Judge Marshall had lent him a key in February, when Miles wanted to show the house to an engaged young man in his offices, and Miles never returned it. Well, when Miles arrived he found Ralph Hammond here, and had to leave, waiting at a safe distance until the coast was clear about one o'clock. But even so he had more than an hour to do his carefully planned job."

"But you were wrong about the secret shelf!" Strawn glared.

"No, it was the absence of fingerprints there that kept me on the right track. Miles had searched the shelf for the marriage certificate which he could not know Nita had already burned."

"How was Sprague killed?" Sanderson interrupted impatiently.

Dundee reached into the tool chest and brought out a narrow, deep drawer. "First, I must tell you that Miles got the gun out of the lamp Saturday night, sneaking in while I was talking with Lydia in the basement. A little later he came back noisily enough to offer Lydia a job as nurse in his home. Without question he assured him self that she knew nothing, or she would have gone the way of Nita and Sprague. . . . Now as to Sprague. . . . Despite my warnings Sprague attempted to carry on the blackmail scheme. Perhaps Miles put him off for a day or two, but on Wednesday afternoon he made an appointment with Sprague, telling him that, if he would come to his home that evening, and manage to leave the bridge game while he was dummy, he would find the money in a drawer of the cabinet that stood in the trophy room between the two windows. . . . This drawer."

"But—how?" Sanderson frowned.

"The plug of the lamp cord is nearly out of the baseboard outlet behind the bookcase, just as Miles left it, so that there is no contact with electricity here. And the rag will the joining of the two wires. An unexplained wrapping of adhesive tape both on the lamp cord and on the wire of Nita's alarm bell here gave me the clue. In installing the alarm bell, Sprague copied the arrangement under the dining table, of course. And Miles simply had to drop a bit, fastened to the auger Sprague had bought, down the four inches which separate the dining room floor from the basement, and bore a hole through the ceiling. It was that hole I could not understand, and which Ralph Hammond assured me was not there Saturday morning. Miles joined a piece of electric wire to the dining room bell wires, and pushed them down through the hole he had bored into the basement ceiling. Now if you'll come down to the basement—"

When the three stood staring upward at the basement ceiling, Dundee continued:

"See this long wire running along the ceiling from the hole beneath the dining room bell? The tacks he used to secure it were also returned to the tool chest, but he could not get rid of either the auger hole or the tiny holes showing the course of the wire. Let's follow it!"

He led them across the basement to a door leading into a dark, unfinished portion of the cellar. The wire passed under the top frame of the door, and, with a flashlight in his hand, Dundee showed how it continued along a rafter until it reached the place where it was joined, by adhesive tape, to the wire bedroom floor.

Miles simply cut the wire here where it enters another wall hole through Lydia's bedroom wall, and attached the new wire," Dundee explained. "The connection between the dining room bell and the electro-magnet in the lamp upstairs was then complete. Sprague had bought yards too much of the wire—fortunately, so far as Miles' scheme was concerned."

"But what a chance Miles took on the bullet's not hitting her in a fatal spot!" Sanderson commented in an awed voice.

"No. He would only fire the gun if Nita was seated before her dressing table. As an experienced marksman he could calculate the path of the bullet to a nicely. Of course the machine had to be used that very day. As you know, Nita herself gave him his chance. Miles, standing at the sideboard, listened until the first faint notes of Juanta told him that Nita was powdering her face, and he could be sure she was sitting down to the task. Nita saw nothing to alarm her, but the gun kicked, and the big lamp was rocked so that it banged against the window frame, shattering the one bulb Miles had left in it. Of course he moved the lamp a foot or so, in the resulting excitement. And if she had been wounded only, living to tell not only how the shot was fired but who had motive to kill her, Miles would have committed suicide then."

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until he had the rest of the night to remove the gun!"

"Yes. Sometime during the night after Flora was asleep with a sedative, he removed the gun and the vice, but he could not remove the hole the screws had made. His next concern was to make the murder job complete with Captain Strawn's theory of a gunman who had trailed him quarry to the Miles home and shot him through the window. The window was already open, but the screen must be rifled, too, and Sprague's fingerprints had to be on the nickel catches by which the curtain screen is raised or lowered. Of course Sprague had not touched the screen!"

"Do you mean to say he lugged the corpse to the window and lifted it so that he could press the stirrers upon the nickel catches?"

"No," Dundee answered. "That was not necessary. He simply removed the curtain screen and carried it to where Sprague's right hand lay, palm upward, on the floor, and pressed the thumb and forefinger against the nickel catches. But the fingerprints thus made were reversed—as I discovered when I examined the prints in Caraway's office to-day. Miles could not turn the stiff hand over without bruising the dead flesh; consequently the print of the forefinger print would normally have been."

"Well—" Sanderson drew a deep breath. "He was a cleverer man than any of us suspected, and it is a pity that Nita did not fear him as she feared Sprague's vengeance when she made her will."

"Hello! What are you doing back here?" Dundee exclaimed in surprise when, upon returning to the living room, the three men found Penny Crain.

"Dad wants a private word with you," Penny explained, her brown eyes glowing with happiness. "He's on the front porch! And you ought to see Mother! She looks like a 20-year-old bride!"

When Dundee joined him on the porch, Roger Crain's handsome face flushed painfully, but there was happiness in his brown eyes, too.

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"Through?" Penny called from the doorway, and her red lips were adorably rounded over the word that Bonnie Dundee forgot Tracey Miles and his Ingenious schemes.

There was room for nothing in his mind but an ingenious scheme of his own—a plan to get her alone so that he could kiss that soft, provocative mouth. . . . The End.



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Mr. Sun Fo said, *inter alia*, that various railways were on the verge of bankruptcy, the total obligations amounting to more than \$1,000,000,000.—Reuter.

Improvement of C.K.R.

Canton, Feb. 28.
To improve communication between Hongkong and Canton, Dr. C. P. Hasch, the new Managing Director of the Chinese Section of the Canton-Kowloon Railway, is quoted as saying that an additional express to Hongkong will be inaugurated as from May 1st, when some of the damaged sleepers on the Chinese section have been replaced.

The Canton management of the line is about to enforce a new regulation, requesting all Canton government officials, whether in uniform or not, to pay full fares when travelling to Hongkong. It is also desired to impose full rates on goods transported by the Canton Government.

Chungshan-Fatshan Railway.

Canton, Mar. 2.
Following the Ministry of Railways' decision to connect Fatshan and Chungshan by railway line, the Yuen-Han Railway Administration has despatched engineers and experts to re-survey the whole line, a distance of 70 miles.

The cost of construction is estimated at \$13,000,000 of which \$6,000,000 will be appropriated from the Boxer Indemnity Refund, while the balance is to be raised from the people. The total length of the bridges will be about 12,000 feet.

A branch line with a length of 5½ miles starting from Siulan, via Kiuchow and Kinpao, to Kouchen is also to be constructed so as to connect the Kongmoon-Sunning Railway.—Canton News Agency.

LOCAL HORTICULTURE.**OCCASIONAL NOTES OF HONGKONG SOCIETY.**

A new publication, "Occasional Notes of the Hongkong Horticultural Society," has made its first appearance. It is an interesting production edited by Mr. G.A.C. Herdman, who in introducing it to his readers explains that it is in the nature of an experiment.

In making a bid for the co-operation of the large number of Hongkong residents who seek pleasure in the cultivation of beautiful flowers, the editor announces that it is proposed to include in the publication articles on soils, fertilisers, the vegetative propagation of plants, and on the culture of flowers, fruits and vegetables. Articles, notes and correspondence on horticultural problems are invited.

This first number of the review contains a useful article on Sweet Pea Cultivation in Hongkong, another on Soils, a lengthy illustrated article on Thunbergia, and notes on the Culture of Roses, Carnations, Dahlias, etc., in Hongkong.

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To-day's local radio broadcast, from B. W. on a wave-length of 355 metres, includes variety, orchestral selections, and a concert hour. The full programme follows:

5.00-5.53 p.m. Variety.
Orchestral-Yours Red Lips.

Orchestral-A Little Cafe.

Marek Weber and His Orch. 28.

Hawaiian Orchestra-The Rose Of Heaven.

Hawaiian Orchestra-Silver Threads Among The Golden.

Walter Kolomoku's Honoluluans. 21634.

Popular Memories Accompanied by Nightingales and Canaries recorded at Reich's Avery.

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Song-Missin' My Pal.

Song-If I Could Just Stop Dreaming.

Irene Beasley (Soprano). 21639.

Orchestral-Autumn Thoughts.

Kirilloff's Balkanika Orch. 20762.

Quintet-Chant Of The Jungle.

Quintet-Tip Toe Thru The Tulips.

Victoria Quintet. 36.

Whistling-Mother Macbeth.

Whistling-You're The Flower Of My Heart.

Bob MacGimsey. 24.

Band-Bells Of Saint Malo.

National Military Band. 13.

5.53-6.07 p.m. Operatic.

Mignon-Knowest Thou The Land.

Mignon-Here I Am In Her Boudoir.

Luzerzki Bori (Soprano). 1361.

Tristan and Isolde-Isolde's Love Death.

Maria Jaritz (Soprano). 1363.

6.07-7.00 p.m. Orchestral.

Strolling Circle (Burlesque).

Quadrille (Burlesque).

Victor Orchestra. 20639.

Dollar Princess Medley.

Nat Shilkret and His Orch. 60011.

Tales Of Hoffmann-Potpourri (Offenbach).

Marek Weber and His Orch. 60012.

Marionette (Glazounov).

Wurstling (Frisch).

At The Ring (Goldschmidt).

The Waltzing Doll (Valente).

Amusement (Berger).

International Novelty Orch. 60001.

Loharian (Geiger).

Marek Weber and His Orch. 60002.

7.00-8.00 p.m. Winners of to-day's Races.

7.00-8.00 p.m. A Concert.

Piano Solo-Bohemian Dance (Smetana).

Caprice Espagnole (Moszkowski).

Wilhelm Bachaus. 7121.

Song-Comin' Thru The Rye.

Marlon Tally (Soprano). 1146.

Violin and Cymbal-Duet-The Old Gipsy (Erno).

Violin and Cymbal-Duet-The Broken Violin (Pista).

Schaffer and Sarkozy. 20749.

Song-Lover's Old Sweet Song (Blighman and Molloy).

Song-Kathleen Mayvureen (Crawford and Crouch).

John McCormick (Tenor). 6776.

Piano Solo-Improviso In B Flat (Schubert).

Piano Solo-Moment Musical In F Minor (Schubert).

Wilhelm Bachaus. 7120.

Song-Sometime (Florito).

Madam Amelita Galli Curci (Soprano). 114.

Song-The Blind Ploughman (Radcliffe and Clark).

Song-Oh Could I But Express In Song (Matachkin).

Fedor Chaliapin (Bass). 1365.

Trio Down In The Forest (Ronald).

De Groot Trio. 9.

Orchestral-Serenade (Standchen).

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Fiji Hurricane

OFFICIAL ESTIMATE OF THE FATALITIES.

Suva, Mar. 2. It is officially announced that 160 people, including four Europeans perished in the hurricane on February 21.—Reuter.

[Earlier reports placed the death toll at 230, and later at "over 100", including five Europeans.]

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THE DOWNFALL OF HU HAN-MIN.

(Continued from Page 1.)

he was ready to adopt the Provisional Constitution during the present period of political tutelage, as it aimed at the protection of individual rights and property. The President denounced Mr. Han-min for opposing the Provisional Constitution for no other reason than a desire to retain his power in the Legislative Council.

Speech Censored.

A serious blow was delivered to the followers of Mr. Hu Han-min when the President announced that Mr. Hu would resign in favour of Mr. Lin Sen.

This morning the Kuomintang Office requested all Nanking newspapers to censor the speech delivered by Marshal Chiang, for reasons not stated.

After the session at Government House, an important conference took place at the Central Kuomintang Headquarters, when the Kuomintang officials were informed of the wish of President Chiang Kai-shek to summon a Commission consisting of ten Kuomintang officials including Dr. Wang Chung-hui, Mr. Yu Yu-jeu, Chairman of the Control Yuan, Messrs. Tsai Yuan-pei, Wu Tze-hui, Ting Wal-fan and H. H. Kung, to draft the Provisional Constitution in readiness for the coming meeting of the National Assembly.

Previous Split.

It is interesting to note that Mr. Hu Han-min was amongst the organisers with the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen of the Tung Meng Hui (Revolutionary Party) and on many occasions he held important positions with the Canton Government.

This is not the first time in which he has been in serious political disagreement with the Nationalist Government, as, following a split with the Nanking Government in 1928, he went into voluntary exile in Europe, where he remained for several months.

MR. JUSTICE EVE AND A RICH WIFE.

EXTRAVAGANT; DETERMINED; and SELF-POSSESSED.

Mr. Justice Eve commented on extravagance in judgment given in the Chancery division.

Mrs. Renée MacCaw, of Cadogan Gardens, S.W., had claimed from her husband, Captain Guy Hardy MacCaw, an account of moneys and investments belonging to her which had been received by him. No dishonesty was impugned, but she wanted an account.

Mr. Justice Eve is ill and his judgment was read. In it he referred to Mrs. MacCaw as "possessed of intelligence, self-possession, and a determination much above the average, and quite capable of transacting business matters," but, like many others of her sex, not inclined to devote any extravagant attention to them. He added:

"Both husband and wife knew perfectly well that they were living at a rate largely in excess of their joint income. Both were of extravagant habits."

"The husband, more alive to the inevitable result of living beyond their means, protested from time to time, but without much success, the wife endeavouring to extenuate her folly by asserting the undeniable truth that 'one could only be young once'."

With the exception of two items of £57 and £600 Mr. Justice Eve held that Mrs. MacCaw voluntarily approved of the use made of her capital by her husband. Judgment was given for her for those sums, with interest at four per cent.

Counsel said that since the trial it had been found that a further £500 had been spent by Captain MacCaw, who agreed that this also should be repaid to his wife.

UNION WATERBOAT COMPANY.

PROPOSED DIVIDEND AND BONUS.

The Union Waterboat Co., Ltd., advised that, subject to audit, the net balance at credit of Profit and Loss Account for the year ending 31st December, 1930, is £45,466.84, which amount the members of the Consulting Committee will, at the approaching meeting of shareholders, recommend to be allocated as follows:

Pay a dividend of \$1.25 per share	\$34,653.75
Pay a bonus of 25 per share	6,930.75
Carry forward to New Account	3,882.34
	\$45,466.84

ROLLER SKATES STOLEN.

SAY TO HAVE BEEN TWICE PURLOINED.

Y.M.C.A. BOY CHARGED.

Stated to be a "boy" employed at the European Y.M.C.A. a Chinese who appeared before Mr. Hamill at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning was charged with stealing a pair of roller skates belonging to the son of Dr. and Mrs. H. F. Sommers, of the Peninsula Hotel.

The defendant stated that the skates had been taken by an odd job coolie employed by the contractor engaged on the construction of the new Y.M.C.A. extension. The coolie had since absconded.

Detective Sub-Inspector A. H. Elston said the complainant had left his skates on the ground whilst he was looking at some machinery in the back yard of the Y.M.C.A. and when he went to get them, he found that they had disappeared. The "boy" parents, who were looking out of their window, had seen a Chinese pick up the skates and walk into a bush. The police were notified and later the defendant was arrested, the skates subsequently being found in the bushes.

It was disclosed in evidence that after the skates had disappeared from where they had been left by the complainant, Mrs. Sommers, who had gone to the yard to search for them, had subsequently seen from her window a man take them out from under a driving machine. She recognised the man whom she had seen as the same man who was later arrested by the police.

Sub-Inspector Elston intimated to his Worship that the police presumption was that the skates had been stolen twice. The first time they were hidden under the machine and then removed from there and taken to the shed. There was no evidence that the defendant was responsible for the first theft, but the prosecution were trying to establish that he had taken them the second time.

The hearing was adjourned till Friday for Dr. Sommers and other witnesses to be called.

HOW KIDNAPPERS OPERATE.

REVELATIONS IN CASE AT KOWLOON.

As they had been of assistance in the recovery of a child whom they had kidnapped, two Chinese women who appear before Mr. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning had the usual sentence reduced by half.

According to Detective Sergeant Fletches, the defendants were the members of a gang of fifteen kidnappers, of whom eleven have been arrested, the last to be sentenced being three men who were recently before the Court. The gang occupied three huts in Po Kong village, Kowloon City, and the three men, at present undergoing terms of imprisonment, rode around the district on bicycles with a live bird. Whenever they met a child they gave him the bird to play with and then took him away to get more.

Victims were taken to one of the three huts and then removed to a second the same night. The following day they would have their hair cut and their clothes changed, eventually being taken to the country.

In the present case the defendants had assisted the police to recover the boy from the country.

His Worship sentenced each to six months' imprisonment, pointing out that the usual penalty was one year.

CANTON ST. GEORGE'S SOCIETY.

ANNUAL BALL A BIG SUCCESS.

Canton, Mar. 2.

The Canton branch of the Royal Society of St. George held their annual ball at the Carlton Club Theatre on Saturday when there were some forty-five hosts and two hundred and fifty guests.

Before the supper dance, the President, Mr. H. Phillips, C.M.G., O.B.E., British Consul-General, Canton, made a short speech in which he welcomed the guests on behalf of the members of the Society.

The function was a brilliant success, thoroughly enjoyed by all present, and the Theatre was tastefully decorated in a red and white scheme. Dance music was provided by Mickey's Melody Makers.—Our Own Correspondent.

MR. HEARST AND A SUIT OF ARMOUR.

WHAT MILLIONAIRES PURCHASE.

C. Andrade v. Sotheby and Co. This was a dispute concerning the sale of a suit of armour, originally the property of an Austrian count.

The plaintiff, Messrs. Cyril Andrade, Hanover-square, W., claimed from the defendants, Messrs. Sotheby and Company, New Bond-street, W., damages for alleged breach of contract to procure the purchaser of certain armour to pay 10s. in the £ on the purchase price, and damages for alleged detention. The defence was a denial of liability.

Mr. Rayner Goddard said that Mr. Cyril de Costa Andrade bought a suit of armour from Count Trapp, an Austrian. In 1928, Mr. W. R. Hearst, the American newspaper magnate, with a Mr. R. Bartel, visited Mr. Andrade's galleries and offered £4,000 for it. Mr. Hearst did not fulfil his part of the bargain, and it was cancelled.

In 1929, the armour went to Messrs. Sotheby's to be sold. Mr. Bartel was supposed to be bidding on behalf of Mr. Hearst, the armour being knocked down to him for £5,000. No deposit was taken. It was understood that he was acting on behalf of Mr. Hearst. Later, Mr. Hearst repudiated Mr. Bartel's authority to bid for him. Messrs. Andrade said that the defendants should have insisted upon a deposit of 10s. in the £ being paid by Bartel on the purchase price of £5,000, and they now claimed £2,500 from Messrs. Sotheby's.

"The Market."

Mr. Cyril de Costa Andrade, giving evidence, said: The market for these kinds of goods arises when the American millionaire come to this country for the shooting season and visit museums, galleries, and other places.

Asked by Mr. Miller why he did not sue Mr. Hearst, Mr. Andrade replied: "Because I have nothing to do with the matter. If Mr. Hearst is willing to carry out his bargain, I shall be willing for Sotheby's to have their commission."

Mr. Justice Rowlett—You have been living in the hope that Mr. Hearst would take this armour? Not in the hope—he had the right to take it.

Major Felix Walter Warre, of the defendant company, was cross-examined by Mr. Rayner Goddard, who asked: There have been occasions when Mr. Hearst repudiated bids. You had reason to suspect him?—I know Mr. Hearst had "cried off" before.

Giving judgment, Mr. Justice Rowlett described the case as an unfortunate one, which arose out of an unfortunate happening. Although Messrs. Sotheby may or may not have done absolutely the right thing, it could not be said that they did a wrong or negligent thing. Therefore there were no damages and no breach of duty, and there would be judgment for Messrs. Sotheby with costs.

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NEW "FOREST" ON MARS.

CAPRICIOUS GROWTH OF VEGETATION.

A new forest area has been noted on the planet Mars by several astronomers.

This planet was at its nearest to the earth for a period recently of rather more than two years, and has for this reason been receiving the special attention of planetary observers.

"The new growth," Dr. W. H. Stephenson, who recently retired from the Directorate of the Mars Section of the Royal Astronomical Society, explained "is an extension of the development round the 'Lake of the Sun,' which was noted by astronomers in 1926 and 1928—the dates of the two last oppositions."

"It may be supposed that the growth of vegetation is to some extent capricious in the same way that a temporary spread of undergrowth may follow a wet season on the earth."

"These areas on Mars sometimes look green. But through a small telescope, their apparent colour is apt to be affected by the red colour of the surrounding desert, and this would tend to give a green appearance to any dark area. Through a large telescope, however, many of these areas appear as a faint grey. "The question of colour is by no means simple, and a lot of work will be necessary before it can be finally cleared up."

The name "Lake of the Sun"—"lacus solis"—was given to this area in the days before astronomers realised that there are no large expanses of water on the planet. In any case, real lakes on the planet would not appear permanently dark, as do these areas, but light or dark, according as they happen to reflect the sun's rays or otherwise.

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DESCRIPTION OF
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PONY COLLAPSES AFTER
PASSING POST.

S. CHINA PRIZES.

Having displaced Fortune Bay as favourite in the course betting, King's Service thoroughly justified the confidence of backers by winning the most thrilling Derby in recent years by a head from Spey, with Gold Key the same short distance away.

Mr. Dynasty received the warmest congratulations on his success and his smiles suggested that he was one of his pony's heaviest supporters. Fortune Bay also commanded plenty of support, the part-mutual odds being approximately 11/4 against King's Service and 3/1 against Fortune Bay.

Race Described.

Daylight Eve and Nippy jumped away at the start with Fortune Bay, Gold Key and Bright Star bringing up the rear. In the straight for the first time, Nippy was leading, closely followed by Daylight Eve, Sam Houston and Spey, on the rails. The rest of the field was bunched, with Gold Key and Bright Star in the rear.

King's Service appeared to be dropping back at the football stands while Fortune Bay was closing with the leaders. King's Service and Bright Star began to make their effort, with Spey still close.

Fortune Bay beaten.

At the Rock, Fortune Bay forged ahead and took the lead, followed by Daylight Eve, Bright Star and Spey. By the time the straight was entered for the second time, however, Fortune Bay was beaten, sticking close to Daylight Eve and Bright Star.

King's Service came along with a rush and Sam Houston also moved up.

The final sprint provided a thrilling finish. King's Service coming on the outside with a terrific burst of speed, just getting his head in front of Spey and Gold Key. King's Service thus reversed the verdict of his meeting with Gold Key in the Hopeful Stakes, while Fortune Bay served to confirm his inability to battle.

Leveret's Collapse.

After passing the winning post, Leveret collapsed, but got to his feet in about half a minute, apparently none the worse. The jockey was uninjured.

There was considerable confusion later, the number of Bright Star being hoisted as taking third place. When the error was discovered, the sweepstake figures had to be changed, and the part-mutual pay-out was delayed.

Mr. Dynasty suffered a set-back in the Subscriptions Griffins' Challenge Cup. King Willow, a strong candidate, could not do better than a dead heat for third place with Tunney, the winner being The Grouse, with Mr. Frost up.

Woodland Stag proved himself the best of the Australian ponies by a three lengths win in the Melbourne Cup race. The Rambert running second and Wattle third.

South China Sweep.

The draw for the South China Athletic Association's Derby sweep was made this morning. No. 14136 drawing King's Service. No. 21711 Spey and No. 39700 Gold Key. It is believed the first prize, amounting to about \$22,000, has gone to Singapore, and the second prize, about \$9,000, to Shanghai. The destination of the third prize, about \$4,500, is not at present known.

Unplaced ponies drew tickets as follows:—Bright Star, 39901; Daylight Eve, 01711; Fortune Bay, 06569; Leveret, 22580; Nippy, 10854; Paul Pry, 44863; Sam Houston, 49526; Tunney, 29805.

1. The Jockey Cup.—Winner \$300. Second \$200. Third \$100. A Cup will be presented to the winning Jockey. For China (Continued on Page 12.)

GOLD BASIS
ISSUE.

LEAGUE'S EXPERT
MAY ADVISE.

CHINA'S PROBLEM.

(Our Own Correspondent.)

Shanghai, Mar. 3.

Sir Arthur Salter, the Director of the Finance and Economic Department of the League of Nations, who is on his way to Nanking at the invitation of the Nationalist Government, arrived in Shanghai yesterday aboard the P. and O. liner Rawalpindi.

He expects to leave for Nanking today, and will immediately enter into conference with Mr. T. V. Soong, the Finance Minister, on the subject of China's currency, it is understood.

There is a strong belief that Mr. Soong will seek the League expert's advice principally upon the possibility of China's placing of her currency on a gold basis.

Sir Arthur is accompanied by M. Maurice Frere and Mr. Elliott Flikin, both of whom are members of the League of Nations Economic Branch staff.

He declined to comment upon the purposes of his visit to China, though he said his discussions would undoubtedly centre upon the situation which has arisen as a result of the abnormal fall in the price of silver.

POLITICAL SITUATION
IN INDIA.

QUESTIONS IN THE HOUSE
OF COMMONS.

London, Mar. 2.

The Secretary for India, Mr. Wedgwood-Benn, was questioned in the House of Commons regarding the result of the discussions between the Viceroy and Mr. Gandhi.

He replied that as the conversations were still proceeding, he was unable at present to make any statement.

In reply to another question, he said he was still unable to make a statement on the Government's plans for carrying on the work of the Round Table Conference.

Asked if it was intended that the proposals discussed at the Round Table Conference, not requiring the amendment of the Government of India Act, should be proceeded with, Mr. Wedgwood-Benn said the Government of India had announced that a committee would be set up at an early date. He added there might be other administrative action which could be taken and consideration would be given to such a possibility, but he would take every means of informing the House of Commons of anything it was intended to do.

British Wireless.

RUGBY SENSATION.

BRITISH UNIONS BAN ON
THE FRENCH.

London, Mar. 2.

Split by a dissension in its own

ranks and generally condemned for the brutal methods which have become a feature of French Rugby recently, the French Rugby Union was to-day ousted by the four British Unions, who decided to refuse to allow any club international matches against French clubs, or France, after the end of the season, unless the conduct of the game there is placed on a satisfactory basis.—Reuter.

Nanking, Mar. 2.

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THE DOWNFALL OF
HU HAN-MIN.

SPLIT OVER NEW
CONSTITUTION.

STRONG ATTACK BY
CHIANG KAI-SHEK.

AMBITION CITED.

Nanking, Mar. 3.

The nature of the clash between Marshal Chiang Kai-shek and Mr. Hu Han-min, which led to the resignation of the Chairman of the Legislative Yuan, is fully explained in a Kuo Min report of a speech delivered by Marshal Chiang yesterday when addressing the weekly memorial meeting in Nanking.

Referring to the unfortunate upset, *inter alia*, Marshal Chiang said that "of all the problems before the National People's Convention, the question of the institution of a Provisional Constitution is of the highest importance."

"All our comrades have agreed to discuss the Provisional Constitution at the People's Conference.

Mr. Hu's Objection.

"Mr. Hu Han-min, however, insists that the People's Convention should not be allowed to discuss the adoption of a Provisional Constitution."

"In so doing, he will not see that without a Provisional Constitution there could not be

security for the lives and property of the people. He will not see that without such guarantees to persons and their property, there could not be a real unification of the country and an end to civil wars.

Ambition Accusation.

"What are Mr. Hu Han-min's intentions? Is it not clear that without a Provisional Constitution, the Legislative Yuan would alone have authority to make and unmake laws during the period of political tutelage?"

"If this were tolerated," he concluded, "the spirit of the calling of the People's Convention would be entirely lost and the sacrifices of the party and the nation in the last few years would have been rendered in vain."—Reuter.

Nanking, Mar. 2.

For some time it has been known that Marshal Chiang Kai-shek, the President of the National Government, has strongly disapproved of the policies of Mr. Hu Han-min, who was President of the Legislative Council.

Trouble Comes to Head.

The animosity between Mr. Hu Han-min and Marshal Chiang Kai-shek came to a head with the proposed organisation of the National Assembly, the highest authority of the Kuomintang Party. Several conferences have been held by the Kuomintang Central Political Council for the discussion of procedure in connexion with the drawing up of an agenda for the assembly meeting, which has been arranged to take place early in May.

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President's Decision.

The President of the Nanking Government caused a mild sonation this morning when, presiding at the weekly session at Government House, he said that

SILVER TO PAY THE
WAR DEBT.

SUGGESTION IN THE HOUSE
OF COMMONS.

AN OBVIOUS ANSWER.

London, Mar. 2.

A suggestion that Britain might pay her debt to the United States partly in silver was made in the House of Commons to-day at question-time.

It was pointed out by Mr. F. W. Pethick-Lawrence, the Financial Secretary to the Treasury, that whatever the British Government's view might be regarding the suggestion, the initiative must rest with the Government of the United States.

Captain Victor Cazalet the Conservative Member for Chippenham, the well-known tennis, lawn tennis and rackets player, asserted that a few years ago the United States altered the basis of a debt settlement with another country by substituting silver for gold payments.

Mr. Pethick-Lawrence said that he was not aware of the occasion to which Captain Cazalet referred, but he promised to consider the matter.

Mr. Hammersley suggested that the question was considerably embarrassed by the decision of the Government of India to increase the import duties on silver.

Mr. Lawrence did not reply.—Reuter.

CASH SWEEPS.

LUCKY NUMBERS AT
THE RACES.

Winning sweepstake tickets at to-day's Race Meeting were as under:

Race No. 1.
No. 298 \$1,727.60
.. 554 493.60
.. 126 246.80
Unplaced runners (\$50 each)
379, 533, 127, 278, 343, 628.

Race No. 2.
No. 168 \$2,290.40
.. 366 654.40
.. 239 327.20
Unplaced runners (\$50 each)
40, 174.

Race No. 3.
No. 502 \$12,124.00
.. 701 3,464.00
.. 2187 1,732.00
Unplaced runners (\$100 each)
1462, 3, 2107, 1639, 1780, 1739, 551, 920.

Race No. 4.
No. 29 \$3,200.40
.. 1089 914.40
.. 434 228.60
.. 1057 228.60
Unplaced runners (\$50 each)
1144, 573, 649, 96, 300, 437, 456, 350.

Race No. 5.
No. 637 \$3,704.40
.. 922 1,068.40
.. 865 529.20
\$50 tickets—832, 116, 9, 1213.

Race No. 6.
No. 1529 \$4,998.00
.. 1554 1,428.00
.. 1716 714.00
Unplaced runners (\$50 each)
1301, 1237, 1495, 947, 342, 1331.

Race No. 7.
No. 252 \$5,419.20
.. 1203 1,471.20
.. 773 756.60
Unplaced runners (\$50 each)
966, 462, 494, 1706, 1687, 323, 792, 1019, 1383, 253.

Race No. 8.
No. 879 \$5,340.60
.. 1431 1,627.60
.. 1892 763.80
Unplaced runners (\$50 each)
148, 1442, 1223.

FAR EAST FLIGHT
BEGINS.

FRENCH AIRMEN TO TRAVEL
DAY AND NIGHT.

Paris, Mar. 2.

Moorch and Berlin, whose departure on a flight for the Far East was postponed last week, took off from Le Bourget for Athens at 3.05 p.m. to-day.

They intend to fly day and night with the object of breaking the record for a flight from Paris to Tokyo, which is their ultimate destination.

They are touching at Shanghai in the course of the flight.—Reuter.

Mussolini Impressed.

Japanese Congratulations.

Tokyo, Mar. 3.

Hailing the conclusion of a Franco-Italian naval agreement.

(Continued on Page 7.)

SPECULATION ON
NAVAL PACT.

OFFICIAL CIRCLES
RETICENT.

MR. HENDERSON CLEARS
UP A DOUBT.

FRENCH TONNAGE.

Rome, Mar. 2.

Much speculation prevails regarding the nature of the Italio-French-British naval agreement, but official circles remain extremely reticent regarding the terms.

According to an unofficial report, however, France will have a superiority in submarines, not only over Italy, but over all other Powers, and there will be parity as regards ten thousand-ton cruisers between France and Italy.

Both countries at present possess seven and it is understood that the agreement provides for this number as the limit.

It is further believed that the agreement provides that France and Italy shall both build two new battleships each, while it is forecasted, as regards light-cruisers and destroyers that France will have a superiority in total tonnage, though in certain categories, Italy will lead.

It appears certain that the respective requirements of the three countries in the Mediterranean were not mentioned throughout the negotiations.—Reuter.

Mr. Henderson in London.

Mr. Arthur Henderson, the Foreign Secretary, and Mr. A.

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DAWN OF TROPICAL MEDICINE.

TRIBUTE TO MEMORY OF SIR P. MANSON.

The Dawn of Tropical Medicine, an account of the life and work of Sir Patrick Manson, was the subject of a lecture by Dr. P. Manson-Bahr at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine.

Sir Harry Gossen, who presided, referred to the death of Sir Andrew Balfour, "one of Sir Patrick Manson's earliest students, himself destined to become the director of this great school which has arisen out of Manson's first conception of a School of Tropical Medicine," and said they were all "infinitely the poorer for the loss of that great-hearted man," from the time of his appointment to the post of Director of the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine at the beginning of the year 1924. Andrew Balfour had worked with consuming energy and high sense of duty for the task to which he had put his hand, and it was an honour to stand in that magnificent home of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine and pay tribute to his memory. Balfour was a man of sterling character, simplicity, and directness of purpose, as honest and open as the day, without a trace of guile. The affection which he inspired in all of them was indeed something wonderful, and his colleagues on the board of management and on the staff joined with his numberless friends throughout the world in a heartfelt message of sympathy to Lady Balfour and his two sons.

Dr. Manson-Bahr made no attempt to claim that Manson discovered tropical medicine, but laid emphasis on the fact that by his work and precepts he made it a new and living thing, that he was the first to elucidate the cause and transference of many hitherto obscure tropical diseases, that as a great clinician he transformed the specific treatment of those diseases, and that, most certainly, he was the first to found and direct a school devoted to the teaching of tropical medicine, and thereby to render safe for colonization and development many unhealthy and inhospitable countries of the British Empire and in other parts of the world. The benign influence of his discoveries, of his example, and of his life, was world wide. His discoveries in the realm of pure science alone entitled him to a place in that select company which included the names of Pasteur, Lister, and Koch.

He described Manson's work in China leading to the idea that a winged insect was the disseminator of disease germs, and that it was an essential link in the development of those parasites without whose agency it would cease entirely to exist, a new and startling fact in medicine and in biology in general. Manson's paper on the development of Filaria sanguinis hominis and on the mosquito considered as a nurse, published in London in 1878, and received with consternation tinged with scepticism, proved a cornerstone of tropical medicine, and entitled him to be regarded as a famous man. After describing Manson's further work in China, he pointed out that his achievements were all the more remarkable as he was working absolutely isolated from contact with other scientists or authorities and cut off from museums and libraries. Dealing with the period after Manson's return to London he dealt with his association with Ronald Ross. There had never been before such a close scientific collaboration, and it had culminated in the complete vindication of the theory of "Mosquito Manson" as he was then called, worked out finally by the undying enthusiasm, persistence, ingenuity, and zeal of Ronald Ross.

Then came his association with Joseph Chamberlain, the most remarkable Colonial Secretary that the British Government had produced in modern times, and the foundation in 1899 of the London School of Tropical Medicine. Manson was the great original thinker of his time in the special department of

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repercussions on the political situation, as he heads a very important clique of politicians.

The Kuomintang split has been growing up for some time between the civilian elements of the Kuomintang, headed by Hu Han-min, and the military elements, headed by Chiang Kai-shek.

The latter to-day publicly expressed disapproval of Hu Han-min's attitude, charging him with insisting that the Government carry out his own wishes as head of the Government's legislative body, and refusing to abide by the decision of the majority of Government leaders.—Reuters.

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Shanghai has been experiencing the severest winter for many years. This winding, misty scene was taken in the Jasfield Park District.



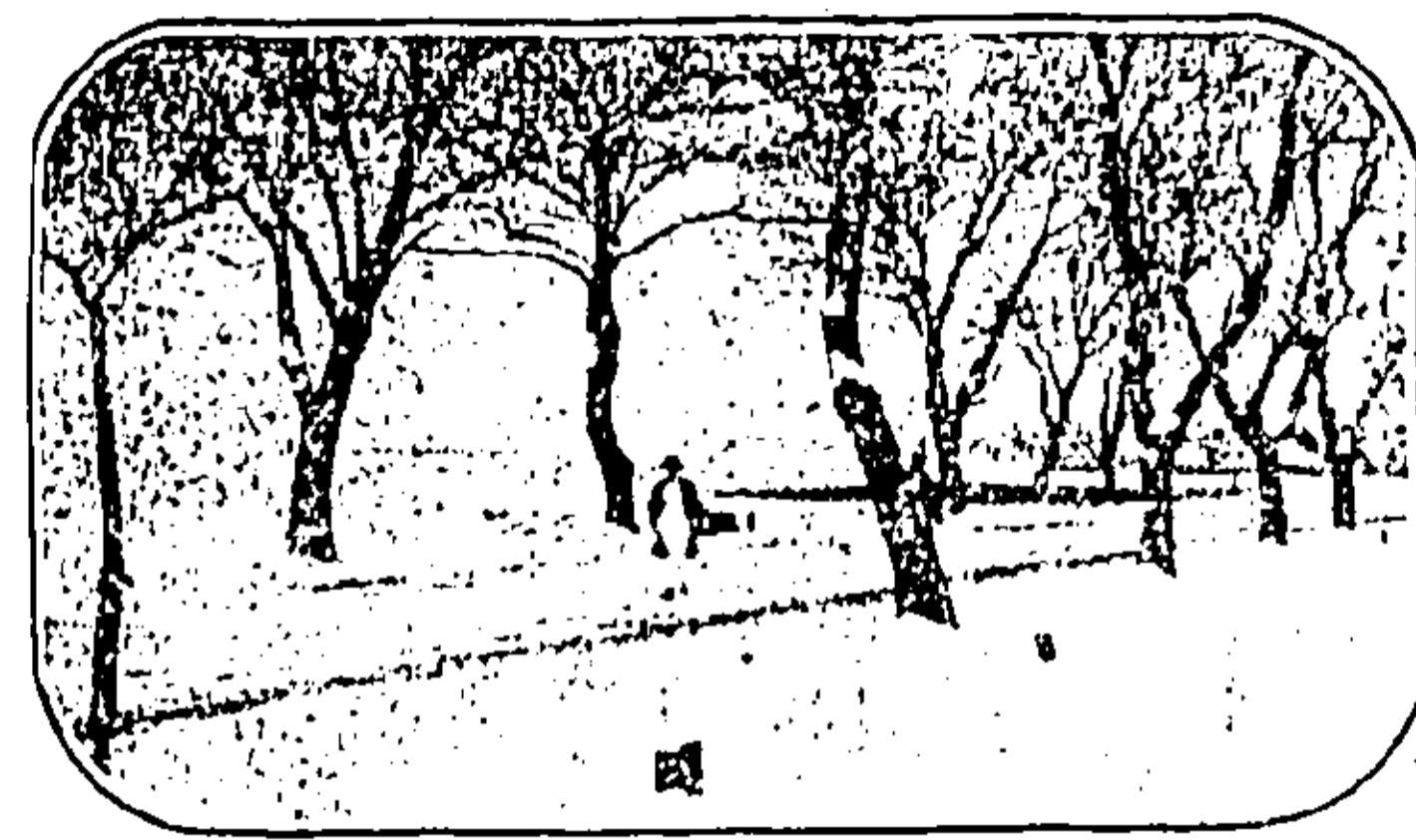
The snow "began in the gloaming" and fusely fell the whole night through as Shanghai residents found recently. This picturesque view of a Shanghai suburban area shows Winter's mantle garbing the countryside.



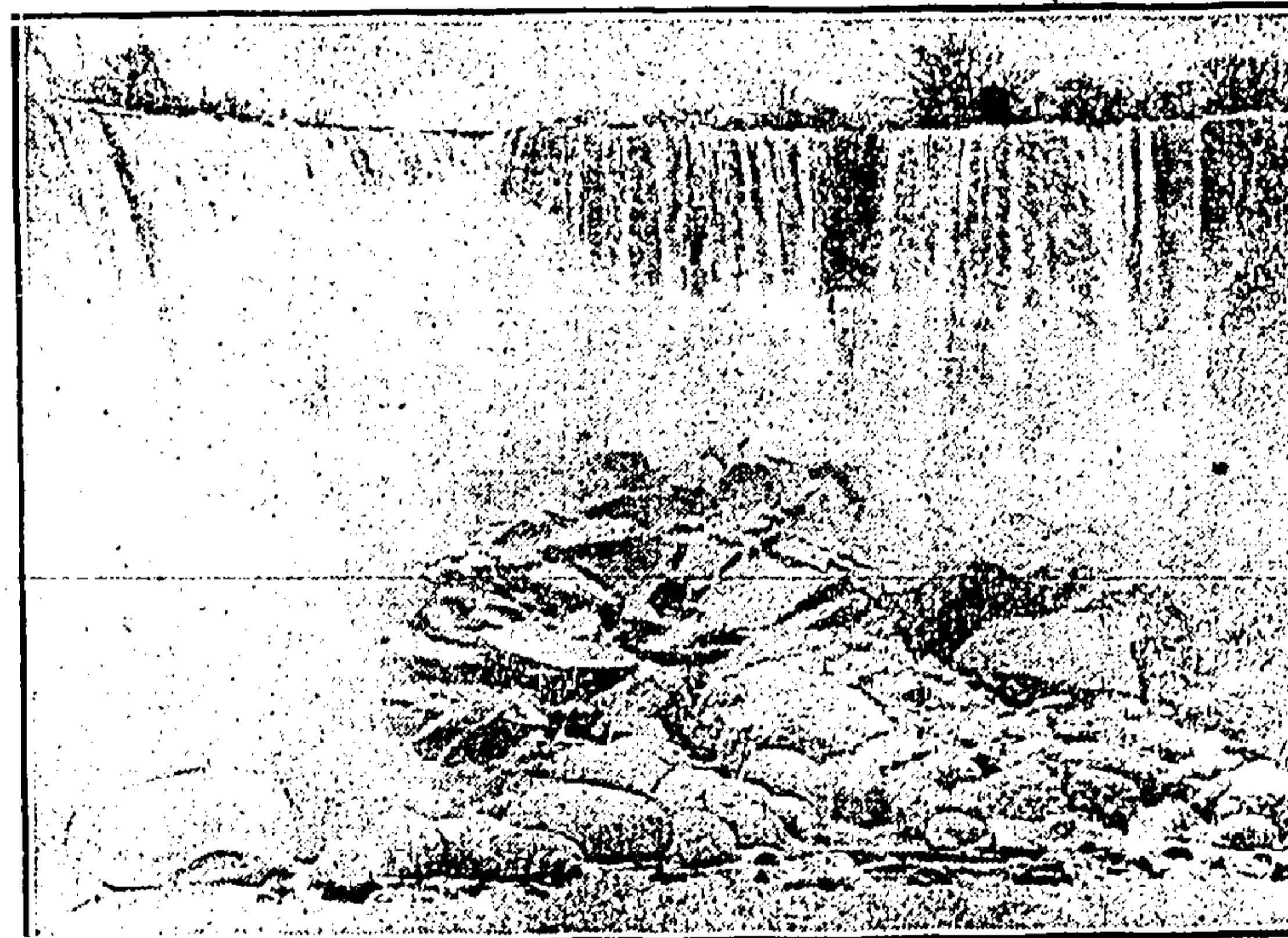
Peri of Borham, a Chinchilla female, which won three first prizes and the championship at the recent London cat show.



Photo taken after the Shanghai wedding of Miss Lydia Rosenberg and Mr. F. W. Elmer. Mr. Judd was best man, and the bridesmaids were the Misses Mary Elliott, Natalie Yutie and V. Morin.



An effective photograph, showing the snow. The view, unusual though it is, was a common one on Shanghai's district roads recently.

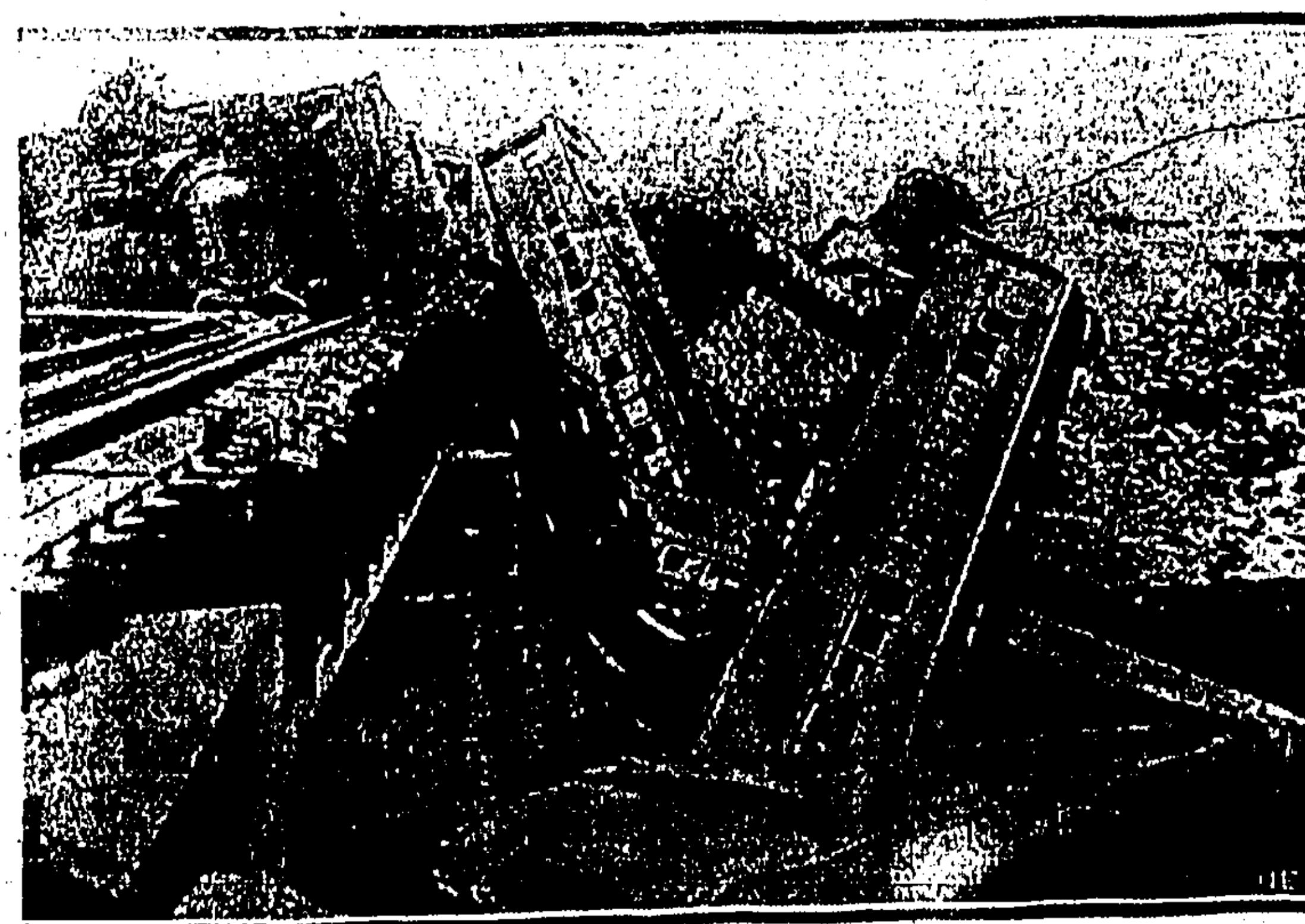


This picture shows how the changed contour of Niagara Falls looks like from below. Thousands of tons of rocks, some of them as large as houses, are heaped half-way up the face of the American falls. Left centre, the new gap in the crest of the cataract can be seen plainly.



Returning to America recently, Primo Carnera is shown above giving Miss May Lee a lift to get her first glimpse of New York's skyline.

In this nautical-looking costume, Mlle. Galli-Curci, the famous singer, appears as much at home on the high seas, as she usually is on the high C's. The photo was taken on a yacht off the Florida coast.



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NOTICE is hereby given that the 42nd Ordinary Annual Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the Company, Exchange Building, Des Voeux Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, on Wednesday, the 18th day of March, 1931, at 11.30 a.m., for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ended 31st December, 1930.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Wednesday, 4th March, 1931, to Wednesday, 18th March, 1931, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors,
ALLAN KEITH,
Secretary,
Hongkong, 19th February, 1931.

THE HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

ANNUAL RACE MEETING 1931.

28TH FEBRUARY, 2ND, 3RD, 4TH AND 7TH MARCH, 1931.

On Saturday, 28th February the first race will be run at 1.30 p.m., and on all other days at 11.30 a.m. On the first day the first bell will be rung at 1 p.m. and on the other four days at 11 a.m.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE.

Members are reminded that they and their ladies must wear their badges prominently displayed.

No one without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure.

Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10.00 per day including tax, for the Meeting (ladies \$5.00 and \$20.00 respectively), are obtainable through the Secretary upon introduction by a Member, such Member to be responsible for all costs, &c.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the Race Course.

No pretext will children be permitted in either enclosure during the first four days of the Meeting.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$4.00 per day including tax for all persons, including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform are admitted to the Public Enclosure at \$1.00 per day including tax.

Bookmakers, Tic Tac men, &c. will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hongkong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

SERVANTS' PASSES.

Passes for Servants will be issued on application to Messrs. Linstead and Davis, Alexandra Buildings.

Employers are requested to distribute them with discrimination and to endorse their names on the passes.

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Any persons found loitering with Servants' Passes in their possession will forfeit the same and will be removed from the enclosure.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

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Notice to Shareholders,

THE ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, 1, Queen's Building, Victoria, Hongkong, on Thursday, 5th March, 1931, at 11 a.m., for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts and Electing Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from Friday, 20th February, 1931, to Thursday, 5th March, 1931, both days inclusive, during which period NO transfer of shares can be registered.

By order of the Board of Directors,

JOHN ARNOLD,
Secretary,
Hongkong, 6th February, 1931.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

Notice is hereby given that the Forty-second Ordinary Yearly Meeting will be held at the Company's Offices, P. and O. Building, on Wednesday, 18th March, 1931, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1930 and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Register of Members of the Company will be closed from 5th March, 1931 to 18th March, 1931, both days inclusive, during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

Notice is hereby given that the Thirty-fifth Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Shareholders in the Company will be held at the Company's Town Office 2 Lower Albert Road, on Wednesday, 18th March, 1931 at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts, declaring a Dividend and re-electing Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 7th to the 18th March, 1931, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors,

J. D. THOMSON,
Acting Secretary,
Hongkong, 27th February, 1931.

THE DAIRY FARM ICE & COLD STORAGE COMPANY, LTD.

NOTICE RE TRANSFER OF SHARES.

Shareholders are requested to note that no "New Issue" shares will be transferred until after the Transfer Books have been re-opened on the 19th March 1931.

By order of the Board of Directors,

J. D. THOMSON,
Acting Secretary,
Hongkong, 27th February, 1931.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Annual Race Meeting 1931.

The Final Dividend declared for the Year ending 31st December, 1930 at the rate of Three Pounds Sterling together with a Bonus of One Pound Sterling at exchange 1/16 is payable on and after the 2nd March, 1931, at the Office of the Corporation, where shareholders are requested to apply for Warrants.

By order of the Board of Directors,

V. M. GRAYBURN,
Chief Manager,
Hongkong, 28th February, 1931.

THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING CO., LTD.

Notice is hereby given that the Forty-seventh Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders in the above Company will be held at St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, Hongkong, on Friday, the 27th March, 1931, at 11 o'clock a.m. for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ended 31st December, 1930, and to transact the ordinary business of the Company.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be Closed from Saturday, 14th March, 1931, until Friday, 27th March, 1931, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors,

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers,
Hongkong, 2nd March, 1931.

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Notice to Shareholders.

THE FORTY-FOURTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on THURSDAY, the 19th March, 1931, AT NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1930.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from Tuesday, the 10th March, 1931, to Thursday, the 19th March, 1931, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors,

F. H. CRAPNELL,
Secretary,
Hongkong, 2nd March, 1931.

HONG KONG TECHNICAL INSTITUTE.

The Institute will re-open on Wednesday, March 4th. Entry Forms and copies of Prospectus may be obtained at the Education Department or at the Central British School.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

R. OHL,
Agent,
Hongkong, 3rd March, 1931.

NOTICE.

The Exchange Banks will be open at 9.30 a.m. and will close at 12 noon, for the transaction of Public Business on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, the 2nd, 3rd and 4th March. (Race Meeting).

Hongkong, 26th February, 1931.

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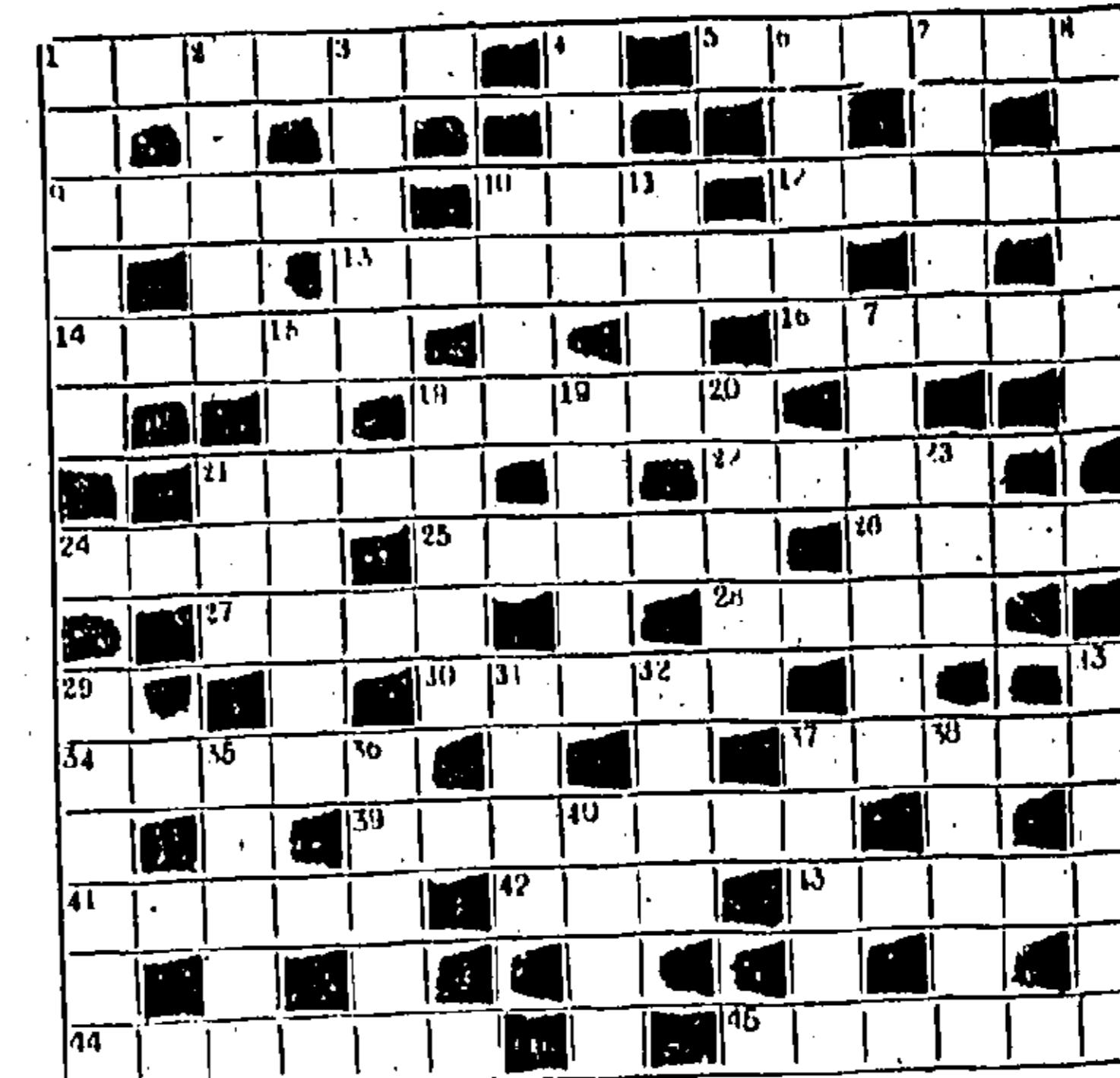
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Batavia	Tjibadak	March 3.
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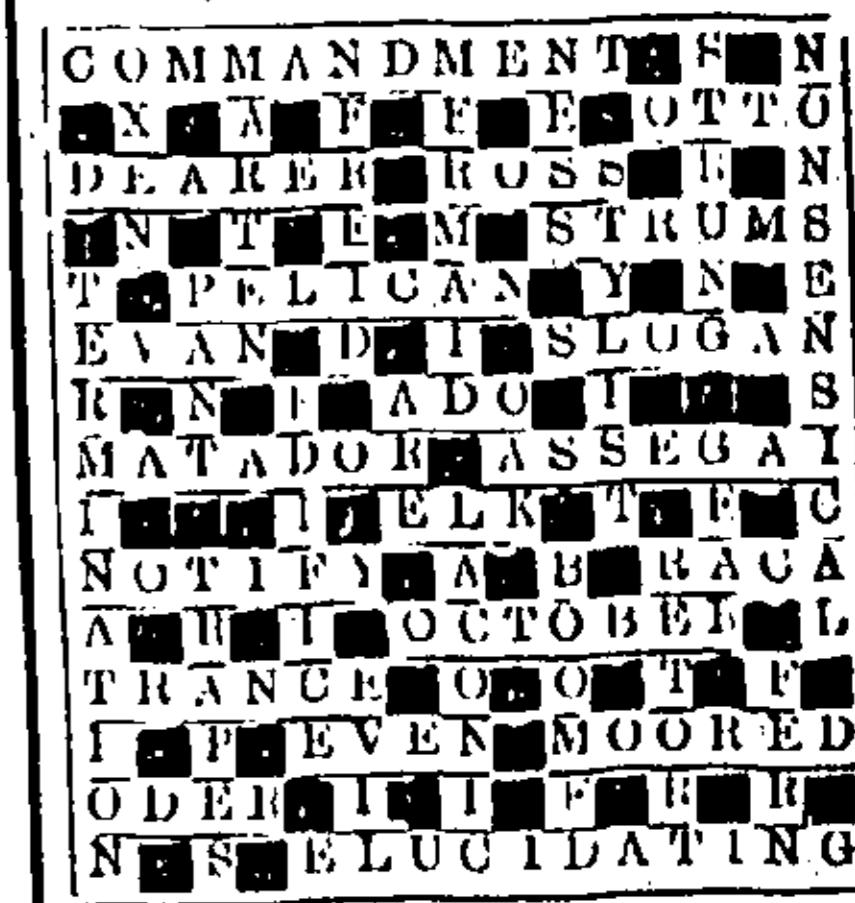
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Swatow and Amoy	Cromer	Tues., Mar. 3, 3.30 p.m.
Fort Bayard	Wing Lee	Tues., Mar. 3, 3.30 p.m.
Amoy	Hoang	Tues., Mar. 3, 5 p.m.
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 1 I travel slowly after cattle, but, for the most part, range far and wide.
 2 Separate—
 3 They begin—that's right.
 4 These give.
 5 Another form of 42 across.
 6 Spoil a colour and, naturally, it becomes disfigured.
 7 The extremities of this thread-like substance make fire.
 8 Litigation, or a heraldic flower.
 9 A London suburb, or what the stage-manager said when the actor stopped.
 10 Mount.
 11 This flighty weapon is slender if not quite narrow.
 12 Record.
 13 Back; it in front of a watch is unreasonable.
 14 Girl's name.
 15 Lie in bed and be spoken of falsely.
 16 Six went to a drachma.
 17 Tune up.
 18 A farmhouse and buildings, containing a kitchener.
 19 You must this this clue to complete the puzzle.
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 21 Proverb.
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YOUR CHILDREN.

[By Olive Roberts Barton.]

Most of us know the mother whose child is never wrong. Her son fell through the ice because another boy dared him to go where the ice was thin. Her girl copied her nightwork from a neighbour because the teacher gave them too much homework to get through with. Her children are always in trouble because the neighbours pick quarrels.

They are bullied, dared, tempted, tormented, but when they get into trouble it is never their fault. She goes to school, she calls up other mothers, she does a great deal of talking to everybody, and all she earns for herself is reputation.

I shall make an exception here of the occasional mother who has a real complaint to make and who sees the opportunity for a little quiet correction of a difficult situation. That done I shall go back to the first, to her with the chronic complaint, who tries to shield the real truth from herself and the world, the real truth being that her children cannot meet the world as it is.

That boy who dared the skater, the teacher who probably overstepped herself in giving out homework, the irritating children next door, all represent something.

They represent the world, its problems and temptations and trials. Who, when this mother is gone, is going to fly around to her children's friends, explaining, excusing and pleading that it was not their fault?

Character Spells Happiness:

No one, of course, and the world that also tries us gives us our rating. Every one of us—whether pauper or millionaire, brilliant or stupid, weak or strong, must stand on his own feet. And although men and children are not born with equal blessings, what we call blessings may be the very cross those born with them will have to bear, and the handicaps may be blessings.

As that as it may, true happiness lies only in character. And I am just old-fashioned enough to believe in a certain law of compensation.

If this nervous mother wants her children to learn to live she will not try to shield them but instead she will try to develop

FASHION NOTES.

The Tunic Re-appears.

The tunic shows every indication of returning. Charming and becoming though it is, on the right person, no doubt many women will look askance at it, because, when it was last in vogue, so many wrong people wore it.

But, poor things, they had nothing else to wear, for in those days a garment was either in the forefront of fashion or it was nowhere, and there was no alternative but to accept it. To-day we have a wide choice.

But all this leaves the average woman in a most bewildered state of mind. "Do I change my waistline every time I change my frock?" she asks, and wonders fiomally if her entire winter outfit represents a series of dreadful errors.

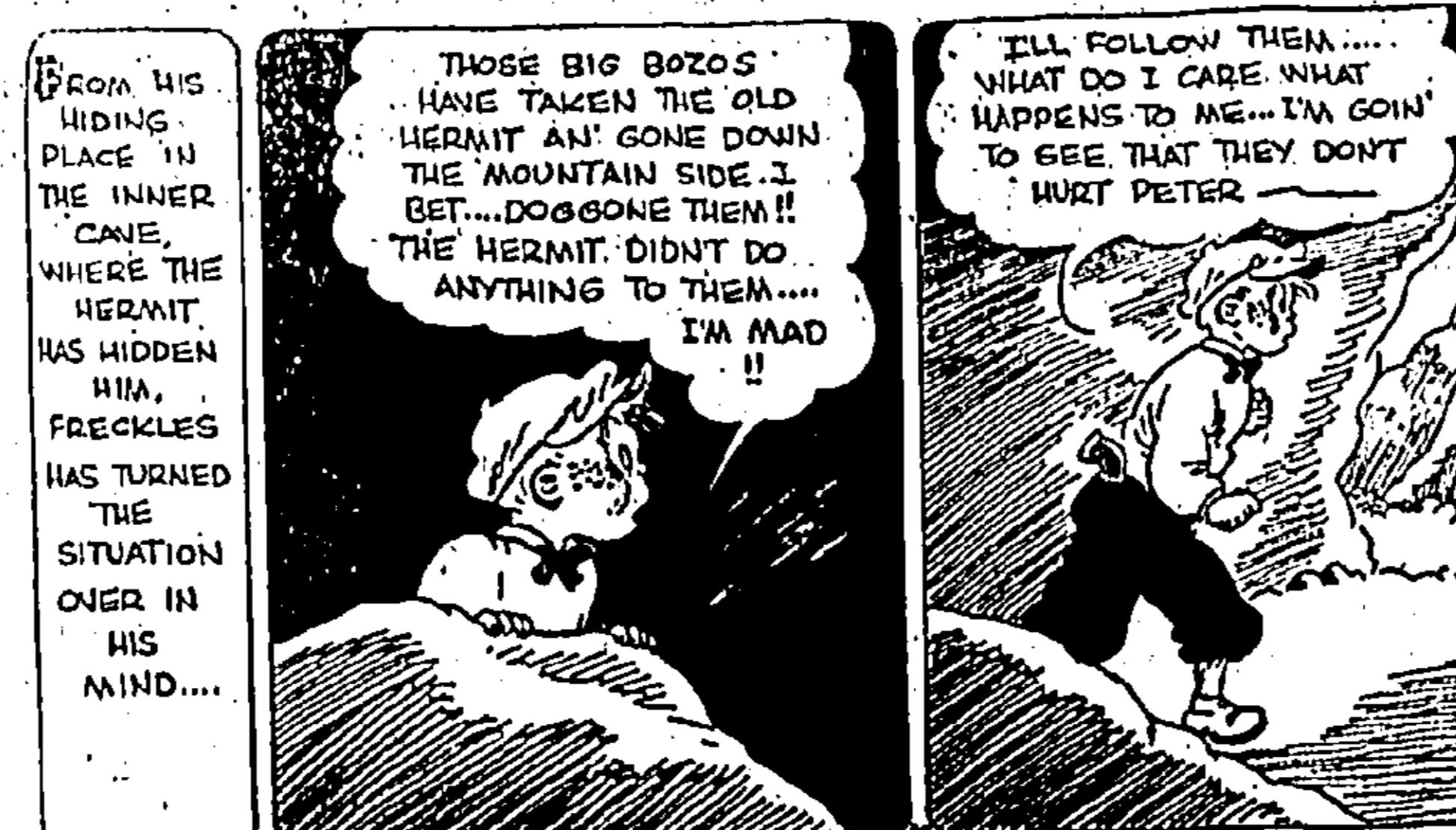
The answer is that, as suggested, your waistline should be where it suits you most. No doubt many women will rejoice at the return of the jumper, over which a belt is worn below the normal waist, and it is represented in some of the latest Paris collections.

As for skirt-lengths, these, too, are for you to decide. For evening, the only thing to wear is a long skirt, but not necessarily uneven; some of the smartest seem nearly to touch the ground, and are of equal length all round.

strength and happiness within themselves. She will teach them resistance to temptation, self-reliance, toleration and contentment. Also she will teach them that consequences of their own acts must be borne by them. We have no use for the tattler, the complainer, the hinder-behind-skirts. And she is encouraging all three things.

Again I shall have to drag in the Spartan women who taught their sons to bear agony without complaint. Translating it into mental and emotional endurance instead of physical, let me say this, that a child who knows he is doing the best he can won't be so very unhappy when he strikes a snug. Besides we often have to bear the punishment for what other people do. Life again. And that isn't a bad thing to make clear to the children either.

FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS



SPRING FASHIONS.

A Great Number of Styles.

Women are a little overwhelmed at present by the number of styles which have been presented by the Paris dressmakers this season. And, in truth, at any fashionable gathering one does not see two women dressed alike, whereas a few short seasons ago they were positively uniform.

But order is returning once more in the dressmaking world, and it is interesting to note that the definite and clear opinions of the big designers are now emerging.

One, for example, advocates the Empire waist; another refuses to look at the normal waistline; the top of the hips is where all her belts are placed, and it's no good pretending that the result is not quite charming, very becoming, and most comfortable. The same dressmaker has decided upon short skirts—that is, two or three inches below the knees—for walking and country wear. They look extraordinarily short to one's eyes, accustomed by this time to skirts which cover the calf, but, on thinking out the matter, it is realized how eminently sensible is such a decision, which could only have been taken by a woman sure of herself.

Another dressmaker has vetoed the tuck-in blouse for country wear. "For those who like it," she says, "good; but I consider a belted jumper preferable." One designer is even trying this idea out on an evening gown.

A Chic Model.



STICKERS



By putting three letters in the place of the three numbers above, and then following the arrows and spelling in the order of 1, 2, 3—2, 3—and 3, 1, 2, you can make three different words.

NEW SUBMARINES.

PERSEUS AND POSEIDON ARRIVE IN PORT.

Leaving Singapore on February 21, the two new "P" Class submarines, Perseus and Poseidon, arrived in Hongkong on Friday and are now alongside the H.M.S. Medway at No. 2 Naval Buoy.

The Perseus and Poseidon are two of four of Britain's largest and newest submarines which act out from Portsmouth for Hongkong early in December. The other two being the Pandora and Proteus. They were intended to form a new flotilla to replace the vessels of the "L" Class, which were withdrawn sometime ago.

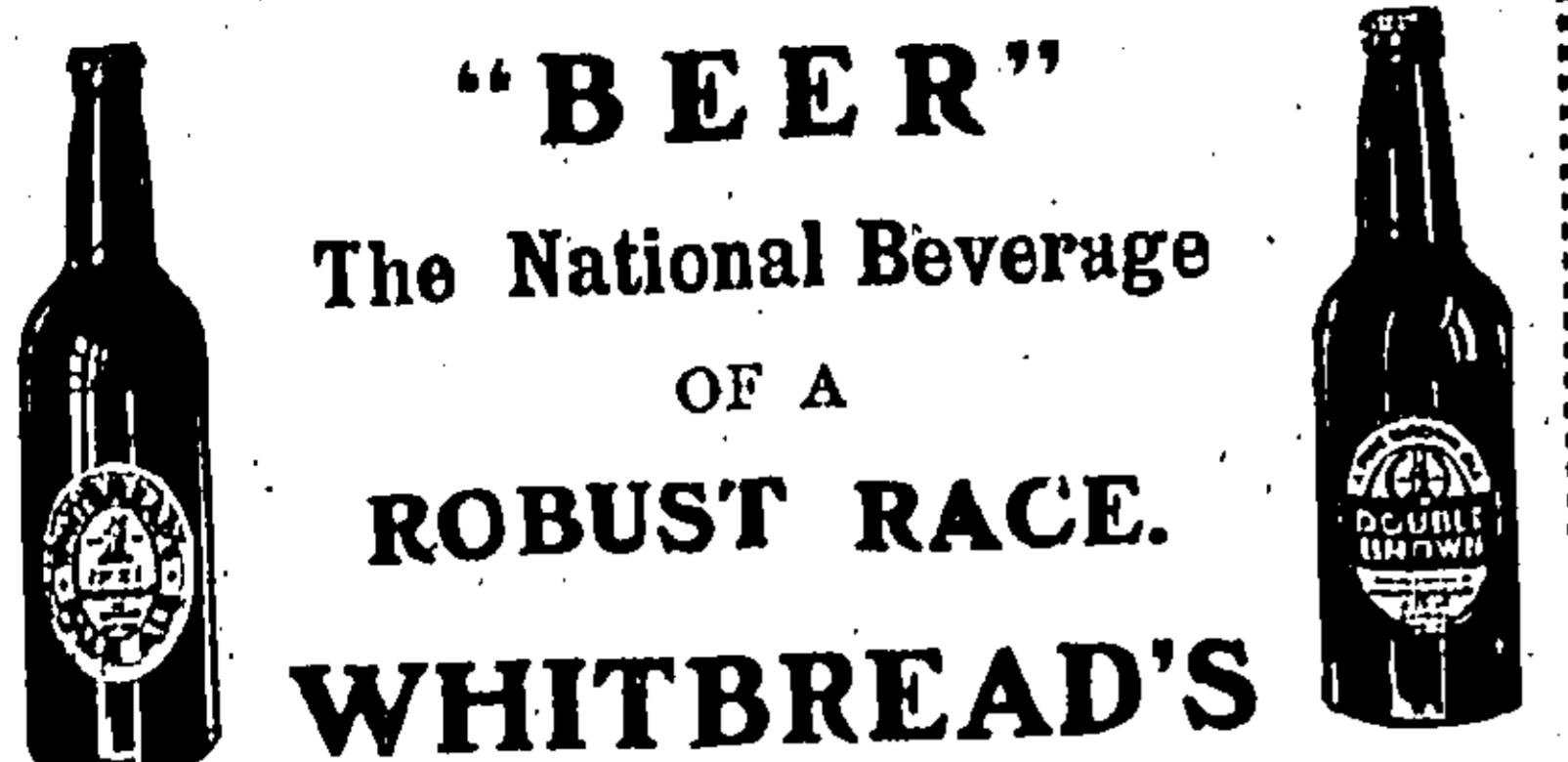
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The Pandora and Proteus, it will be recalled, came into collision 80 miles from Gibraltar Straits. The Pandora's bows were damaged and a big hole was torn under the water line. The Proteus was injured aft. No one was injured and the vessels were docked at Gibraltar. They will be here in due course after repairs.

Lt. Comdr. G. A. W. Voelcker is in command of the Perseus, and Lt. Comdr. B. W. Galpin of the Poseidon.

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CURRENCY & TRADE.

Those who had hoped for any extensive reference to the silver crisis at the annual meeting of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation must have been extremely disappointed, since the question was but lightly touched upon in the lengthy speech from the chair. The possibility of silver values improving some time in the dim future as a result of the operation of natural forces was mentioned, but there was nothing in the speech to suggest that any degree of stability in the exchange value of the metal is likely to be witnessed. On the point as to how low the Hongkong dollar may fall, it was admitted that the question is impossible of answering. There was, therefore, little in Mr. Plummer's handling of the question on behalf of the Directors to indicate future tendencies. On the point of governmental action with a view to bringing some stability into existence, the opinion expressed tallyes with that of Mr. Snowden when he says that no practical scheme for international action has yet been put forward. That may be perfectly true, but it would seem that unless the position improves in the near future, joint action of some sort by the interested Powers will become an absolute necessity.

One point in the speech deserves mention, namely, the observation that it is comforting to remember that trade is, in the last analysis, barter and is bound in the long run to recover its equilibrium, whatever the level of monetary exchange. This is true in a sense, but we can find nothing comforting in the possibility of present exchange values being maintained for any length of time; that is, so far as China's trade with the outside world is concerned. It was conceded by the Bank's spokesman that obvious damage to the world as a whole has been caused by the collapse of silver, which factor was also cited as having been calamitous for the Eastern trade. Trade can, of course, adjust itself to any monetary standards, but the outstanding fact in the present situation is that as a direct consequence of the decline in silver, China's purchasing power has been cut in half. It therefore follows if, by whatever means, stability were effected at a low silver value, the volume of trade

between China and the rest of the world must suffer. The situation to-day, however, is that there is no stability whatever in the silver market, a fact which must make trade adjustment extremely difficult. Little emphasis is needed on the point that commerce can adjust itself to a stable factor much more expeditiously and effectively than to one which is constantly varying. For this reason, China's eventual adoption of a gold standard will prove an estimable boon both to herself and to those countries with whom she trades.

The point we have made in regard to trade adjusting itself to monetary values is one which deserves attention in relation to the purely local question of the future of Hongkong's currency. It has been freely asserted that for Hongkong to "go gold" would be disastrous from the trading point of view. This, we may be sure, is the main issue with which the Currency Mission from Home will be concerned. If, however, trade will regain its equilibrium irrespective of currency values, it surely follows that Hongkong has nothing to fear if it stabilises its dollar irrespective of what China does. It cannot be too often stressed that Hongkong's primary assets are its geographical position, the services it can offer, and the security assured to those who make it a base for their commercial activities. These are the factors which bring trade through the Colony for the China market, factors which do not obtain elsewhere; with currency as a more or less secondary consideration. Stability must mean an easing of the position locally at least, whilst at the same time creating confidence in the Colony as a tradal base.

Public Health.

Professor Gerrard, initiating the annual health campaign which is being conducted this week among the Chinese community, gave the organisers some very practical advice concerning the education of the public in health matters, particularly in the direction of establishing more firmly the realm of preventive medicine. As he pointed out, the extremely valuable work which has been done by the Chinese Medical Association and collaborating associations in past years, which it is hoped to consolidate and amplify this week, entitle these organisations to the highest public confidence and esteem. This is especially true of a group of enthusiasts who need not be named. At the same time, we cannot help feeling, after Professor Gerrard's survey of the problems and the difficulties, that the thing is becoming too big and its importance too vital, for contention with what propaganda is possible during one short week in a year. Pure air, pure water, pure food, adequate sunlight, good housing conditions, cleanliness in personal, domestic and civic habits, common sense in eating and drinking and opportunities of the health of the individual and the community. A glance from the upper levels, the city of Victoria, in all its ugliness, with row upon row of crowded slum tenements, coupled with the realisation of the needs of the community if disease is to be prevented and controlled, appeals even those whose only part in the campaign of health takes the form of encouragement. The actual workers too must feel despondent of genuine progress sometimes. Yet when the time comes for the annual drive, they are out again, persevering, willing, even enthusiastic. Because of this, it would seem a great asset if their labours could be supplemented during the "close season." A weekly newspaper article, published in all the Chinese journals, and similar forms of propaganda could be employed to great advantage.

Two marines from H.M.S. Cumberland who attempted to drive off in a motor car outside the City Hall on Saturday night were seen by Sgt. McGlinn, of the Traffic Police. He gave chase and with the assistance of an Indian constable caught both men. They have been handed over to the naval authorities.

DAY BY DAY

THREE-FOURTHS OF THE WORLD LIVE IN DELUSIONS OF THEIR OWN WEAVING.—Frankfort Somerville.

The opening rate of the dollar this morning was 10½d.

The Ben Lino a.s. Bonavon, from Hong Kong via Straits, is due here on Thursday.

During the weekend, one case of typhoid and one case of diphtheria were reported to the authorities.

Mrs. G. P. de Martin is to distribute the prizes at the Cheung Chau Government School on Thursday, at 3.15 p.m.

Will the subscriber who sent \$12.00 by hand on Monday last for the Hongkong Benevolent Society, kindly forward name and address to the Hon. Treasurer, 625, The Peak?

The American Consulate at Shanghai will appreciate receiving information regarding the late John Burleigh Wright, who died at the Shanghai General Hospital on February 20, 1931.

The Race Meet which was to take place on the new Racecourse at Shekpal, Canton, on Sunday, was postponed at the last minute owing to bad weather. It is hoped that it will take place on Sunday, March 8th.

A public car carrying two coolie women overturned in Hennessy Road early this morning. The women were slightly injured and admitted to the Government Civil Hospital, but the driver escaped with a few scratches.

The second of the series of Whist Drives and Socials organized by the H.K.S. B.C. R.A. Sergts. Mess. at Gun Club Hill Barracks, Kowloon, will take place on Friday, commencing at 8.45 p.m. sharp. Patrons are asked to keep to the time announced for starting, in order that the whist may finish in time for a good social.

RAIN LATER.

The Royal Observatory reports that a belt of high pressure extends from the north of Peking to the Bonins and a depression lies over Indo-China. Local forecast:—East winds, Moderate; fine at first, light rain and fog later.

AN UNREGISTERED MUI-TSAI.

NOMINAL FINE IMPOSED ON WOMAN.

Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen, Assistant Secretary of Chinese Affairs, charged a married woman of Kowloon City, before Mr. Hamilton on the Kowloon Magistracy, this morning, with having brought an unregistered mui-tsa into the Colony.

The defendant admitted the offence, but said she was a newcomer and did not know the local regulations.

Mr. Macfadyen said he had no reason to disbelieve the defendant's story that she was only passing through Hongkong on her way to Yunnan with the mui-tsa. At the same time she had been in the Colony for ten days and was staying in a house where there was a registered mui-tsa. The prosecution, however, were only asking for a nominal penalty.

His Worship imposed a fine of \$25.

The whist hall is attached to a public-house which shuts at ten o'clock in the evening, not to keep the customers out, but to keep them in, as the players humorously remarked, and with some truth. All the players are known, and the landlord feels that a surreptitious drink is not contradictory to the well-being of humanity. If there is no policeman about.

On the evening of my first visit

I had the good or bad luck to get Mrs. Battle as partner; Eliza's Mrs. Battle, all out for the rigour of the game. Though showing little change, she is somewhat more tolerant in her mentality now. Years ago she had no mercy for a bad player, partner or opponent; now more lenient to the opponent who makes a mistake to her own advantage, she has not the slightest mercy for a bad partner. Probably a natural equipoise is maintained in this way.



"Looks bad. He'll have to do bogey on the next four holes or I can't expect a tip."

THE LAST DEFENCE OF WHIST.

(By PATRICK MacGILL).

AT LAST I have found it, Mrs. Battle's whist, in the hell of the village where our fellow countrymen are about to start, and she had to do with a makeshift partner, myself.

"You can play?" she asked, sizing me with a pair of cold, blue eyes.

"Yes, I play."

But I didn't, with the rigorous precision of the Battle tradition. I made a few errors in the first game, and on each occasion my partner gave a guinea-pig squeak as a sign of suppressed disapproval.

"You have to do better next table," she said when we changed location, and her tones were those of a despotic master, not a peace. But the next table was more fatal. For some reason or another I allowed an opponent's trump king to pass without putting my ace on it.

"I'm sorry, I was thinking of something and—"

Mrs. Battle rose, flaring. There was no reason why she should suppress her disapprobation now.

"Well, there ain't no good in coming to play whist, if you ain't going to play," she said. A person may make a mistake. I've made mistakes myself—but I've never let the king of trumps win when I'd the ace!"

Yet, though my initiation was baleful, I persisted, and go there now at every opportunity. My first great error is forgiven, but not forgotten. Nothing is forgotten in the village, where nothing alters.

Change is slow here. In the Thirteenth Century they built themselves a church, and still use it for prayers. Then who will dare disturb the glacier motion of the place? Ten years from now, twenty perhaps, there will be no change in the whist routine. The present M.C. will still be there wearing his white collar tied tightly on some higher principle than mere personal ease. And Jabez, who has a pension and a wooden leg from the Great War, will be there too, adroit in dealing and using only one hand while having two. The natives regard this man's manipulative facilities with that habitual wonder which is vouchsafed to constant mysteries.

The hall after hearing the public-crier, bell and staff, announce the monster whist drive "top thirty shillings! Eight thirty prompt! Come in your thousands! Admission ninepence!" Now, and I pause for a moment to ask this question; where else in England will you get a public-crier, staff and bell, announce a monster ninepenny whist drive? But this is the ordinary of my village—I call it mine, for I have known it a mere three months. An hour's train journey from London, or an hour's brisk walk after a cockle snack at Leigh-on-Sea or a sloop at Southend will find it.

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But, alas! a change is evident and feared. The Town of Shrimps and Savelots has led the way.

coming as it has to the decision that a money prize fosters gambling, suggesting, and even making law, that a half-ton of coal is meet bounty for a hard-won game.

And those who rule us are now considering and we make our appeal. Our whist has been a solemn business; all recurrent movements, long known objects, familiar voices have something that touches the deepest fibres of our souls and we do not want change.

The hall of our evening's abiding is a place of colour when the lamplight struggles through the murky atmosphere, falling on intent faces, sharp, grimy, knotted hands, rising slowly to fall with a stupendous thump as a winning ace is flung to the board. This is the home of the game, the triumph, the struggle, and the prize—the thirty-shillings "top." But who will glory in a half-ton of coal?

Let us linger a space longer on our last movement.

The Babbets.

By H. WILSON HARRIS.

WHY some 1,075—ten hundred and seventy-five we call it—members of the Zenith Chamber of Commerce at annual dinner, assembled should have desired me to join their company and discourse to them on the United States or Europe I found it difficult, in anticipation, to conceive. Viewed in retrospect, the affair presents itself as fantastic to the point of incredibility.

However, it happened, and I touch lightly on it here as revealing, at any rate, one aspect of America. The community concerned shall just be Zenith. A forced loan on the name of that notorious township may be exacted from (Continued on Page 7.)

COLONIAL NAVAL DEFENCE.

MEASURE WHICH MAY AFFECT HONGKONG.

BILL BECOMES LAW.

London, Mar. 2.
The House of Commons to-day agreed to the third reading of the Colonial Naval Defence Bill.

The measure has already been passed by the House of Lords and it therefore now becomes law.—*Reuter*.

During the second reading of the Bill in the House of Commons, Hongkong was mentioned in the course of the debate. Rear Admiral Beamish (Con., Lewes), in a speech on the subject, said:—

If we can impress on the Colonies the necessity for their own defence, and how welcome would be their aid in the event of the Empire getting into trouble, we shall do a great deal of good by discussing this Bill. At the present time something like 25% a head is paid for the naval defence of the country, but in many of our Colonies vast sums of money are made by people who live and have their business in those Colonies and in most instances do not pay anything directly towards the defence of this country, and of the Empire and of the Colony in which they live. I am delighted to see in this Bill the two provisions which have been mentioned, one empowering the Colonies to combine and the other in regard to the training of naval ratings and officers from the Colonies. I think that those parts of the Bill are altogether to the good.

In winding up the debate, Mr. G. G. Ammon, Parliamentary Secretary to the Admiralty, said:—Up to now there are no Colonies which have either ships or personnel, but we hope that, coming out of this Bill, that may actually happen, giving them the facility now to combine together in order to provide both the necessary ships and personnel for their respective defence forces. It is also anticipated that Ceylon and Malaya may come into this scheme, though not as a combination. The steps are not within the limits of the Naval Treaty and would be suitable for the particular Colonies to take.

A NEW RELIGION.

G. K. CHESTERTON'S FORECAST.

New York, Jan. 28.
A New York audience has just voted, by 2,359 to 1,022, that "the world will return to religion." The vote followed a debate between the greatest American criminal lawyers, Mr. Clarence Darrow who defended Scopes in the Tennessee Evolution Trial, and Mr. G. K. Chesterton.

Taking the negative view, Mr. Darrow said: "I never yet knew a man who thoroughly believed in his own religion."

"The very idea of religion is based on crude and uninformed theories of the universe. Millions have freed themselves from it now laugh at it."

"Man does not need religion, he merely turns to it weakly in moments of stress for consolidation."

Replying, Mr. Chesterton said: "I think we shall see two big movements, on the one side towards Roman Catholicism, and on the other to some new religion that may be an amalgamation of other creeds, possibly drawing much of its strength from Spiritualism or Christian Science."

"I base this prediction on the fact that the world has never yet failed to return to religion after a period of scepticism and agnosticism. Eddington, Jeans, and other great scientists of to-day are on the side of religion."

"Even if religion were all a delusion, it would still be necessary, because man is a creature not complete without it."

AN HONOUR FOR MR. CHARLES CHAPLAIN.

LABOUR M.P.'S SUGGESTION TO PRIME MINISTER.

London, Feb. 25.
Mr. Joseph W. Toole, Labour member of Parliament for South Salford, has written a letter to the Prime Minister, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, in which he says: "I respectfully suggest that it would be a fitting thing, during the visit to this country of Mr. Charles Chaplin, that some distinction should be conferred on him. The whole world is indebted to this wonderful Englishman who has by his art made the children and elders of all countries happy by his performances on the screen."

SPECULATION ON NAVAL PACT.

(Continued from Page 1.)

as an important step towards disarmament and world peace, the *Asahi* and *Yomiuri* in editorial comments to-day express wholehearted felicitations to Britain and America for the happy culmination of their efforts to bring about an agreement.

Mr. Henderson's strenuous efforts at the final stage are singled out for special praise, while congratulations are expressed to France and Italy for the spirit of conciliation and mutual concession which enabled success to be achieved.—*Reuter*.

The Tonnes.

Paris, Mar. 2.
The French fleet will be 630,000 tons, namely a superiority of 150,000 tons over Italy, provided by the new naval agreement, according to the *Echo de Paris*, which declares that France and Italy will have the same number of 10,000 ton cruisers, while 70,000 tons of submarines will be allotted to France.—*Reuter*.

Reaction Elsewhere.

Tokyo, Mar. 2.
According to a seemingly inspired report appearing in this afternoon's vernacular papers, the Franco-Italian parley has resulted in the following agreement:

Submarines, France, 80,000 tons; Italy, 60,000 tons.

Eight-inch gun cruisers—*status quo*.

Light cruisers and destroyers—France, 136,000 tons; Italy, 120,000 tons.

Capital ships, France to construct two, each of 23,000 tons, to offset Germany's "pocket" battleships, Italy to build two of smaller tonnage.

Fear is expressed lest Britain should consider it necessary to increase her own submarine tonnage, but we hope that, coming out of this Bill, that may actually happen, giving them the facility now to combine together in order to provide both the necessary ships and personnel for their respective defence forces. It is also anticipated that Ceylon and Malaya may come into this scheme, though not as a combination. The steps are not within the limits of the Naval Treaty and would be suitable for the particular Colonies to take.

American Opinion.

Washington, Mar. 2.
Well-informed circles are of opinion that the naval agreement is acceptable to the United States. They assume that the proposed changes are of a minor character, compared with the London agreement, and will not affect vitally either the United States or Japan.—*Reuter's American Service*.

SUGAR MARKET.

THE LATEST CABLED QUOTATIONS.

The following cable at the close of the sugar market yesterday has been received by Messrs. Pen-treath and Co.

London Terminals.

March 5/10½ down ½d.
May 6/1½ down ½d.
August 6/½ down ½d.
December 6/8 down 1½d.
Buyers at the above prices: sellers ½d more.

New York Terminals.

March 1/20 down 2 pts.
May 1/26 down 4 pts.
July 1/34 down 4 pts.
September 1/41 down 4 pts.
December 1/48 down 5 pts.
London 2/3/31—Market closed quiet; trade is dull.

Lady Peel has consented to distribute the prizes at the annual prize-giving at Central British School on Tuesday, 10 March, at St. Andrew's Church Hall.

Watch for it for Gingers sake.

Starting to-morrow.

JAPANESE TENNIS STARS.

BRILLIANT DISPLAY GIVEN YESTERDAY.

Yamagishi and Shimura, the leading doubles players of Japan, continued the run of successes which they enjoyed in the Manila Olympic Game recently, by trouncing local players in a series of exhibition matches on the Club ground yesterday.

The Rumjahn cousins were their victims in the doubles encounter, though only after a stiff fight, whilst Paul Kong and C. A. L. Rumjahn provided very little opposition in the singles.

The bleak and damp conditions were not conducive to the players to give of their best, but the tennis did not fail much below standard, and a large crowd were fully satisfied with the display.

The doubles match was a very happy-go-lucky affair, with the Rumjahns endeavouring to force the pace from the start. Up to a point they were successful, but they could not entirely break through the steady defence of the visitors, who, after extracting the sting from the Indians' attack, launched a counter-offensive with some brilliant smashing which the locals could not withstand. It was a game in which all four players shone at intervals.

C. A. L. Rumjahn, although exploiting the majority of his spin shots, failed to get past the steady defence of Shimura, and, led into making overhead blunders, he lost in straight sets. Shimura's placements were cleverly effected, and Rumjahn was worried out of his length by the persistent accuracy of the Japanese returns.

Paul Kong engaged Yamagishi in the other singles, and gave his most disappointing display in Hongkong to date. He failed to find his touch throughout, and Yamagishi's love-sweat win were evidence of the poorness of the game.

The scores were:

Yamagishi beat Paul Kong, 6-0,
6-0.
Yamagishi and Shimura beat the Rumjahns, 4-6, 6-2, 6-3.
Shimura beat C. A. L. Rumjahn, 6-2, 6-2.

SHARE PRICES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:

Banks.

Hongkong Bank, \$2102½ n. x Div.
Chartered Bank £16½
Mercantile A. and B., £23½ n.
East Asia, \$116 b.

Insurance.

Canton Ins., \$1300 b.
Union Ins., \$645 n.
North China Ins., Tls. 160 b.
China Underwriters, \$3,60 b.
Yangtze Ins., \$50 n.
China Fires, \$555 b.
H. K. Fire Ins., \$1305 n.

Shipping.

Douglas, \$27 s.
H. K. Steamboats, \$26.75 s.
Indo-China, (Def.) \$30 n.
Union Waterboats, \$37 n.

Mining.

Benguet, \$10½ n.
Kailan, 36/3 n.
Shui Explorations, Tls. 2½ n.
Raubs 40½ n.

Docks, etc.

Kowloon Wharves, \$172 sa.
Whampoa Docks, \$30½ b.
South China Motors, \$10 n.
China Providents, \$5.40 b. (old).
Hongkew, Tls. 274 b.
New Engineers, Tls. 53½ b.
Shanghai Docks, Tls. 110 b.

Cottons.

Two Cotton, Tls. 15.95 n.
Shai Cotton, Tls. 103 (old) n.
Lands, Hotels, etc.
H. K. Land, \$84¾ b.
Shai Land Tls. 410 b.
Humphrey, \$16.85 n.
Realities, \$9.60 b.

Public Utilities.

Tramways, \$17.60 b.
Peak Trams, (old) \$14½ n.
Star Ferries, \$88 b.
China Lights, (old) \$25 b.
H. K. Electric, \$80 b.
Telephones, \$42 b.
China Buses, Tls. 19 n.
Singapore Traction, 6/6 s.

Industrials.

China Sugars, 80 cts. n.
Malabon, \$36 b.
Canton Fels, \$3.40 s.
Cements (Comb.), \$16.60 b.
Ropex, \$14.20 b.
Venz, Goldfields, \$3.60 b.

Stores, etc.

Dairy Farms, \$26.10 n.
Watson, \$13.10 n.
Der A. Winz, \$1 n.
Lane Crawford, \$8.90 b.
Mackintosh, \$20 n.
Sinceres, \$13½ n.

Miscellaneous.

Amusements, \$20½ n.
Constructions, \$5.30 b.
Bisque Ind. G. Bonds, \$68 ½ sa.
H.K.G. Loan 7% Prent.

THE BABBITTS.

(Continued from Page 6.)

Mr. Sinclair Lewis—to provide the needed cloak of anonymity. Otherwise there shall be no departure from literal accuracy.

The preliminary were a little disturbing. I found my way to the ante-chamber of the hotel ball-room, where the business magnates of Zenith were to dine, and hesitantly disclosed my incongruous identity. Everyone was polite, but I felt from the first how little heartiness nature had infused into my frigid make-up. Everyone was Fred or George or Jim, and most of them were in real estate, a calling which seems to emanate a special heartiness of its own.

The same sort of forthcomingness no doubt had been responsible for the heading, "HARRIS TO TALK BEFORE CHAMBER," in the local paper, betraying the sub-editor's gratifying confidence that the one and only Harris of any consequence in either hemisphere could need no further description.

But enough of irrelevances. In due course the company was seated (16 minutes had been left), and the chairman announced, after some bantering with the gavel, that Pastor Johnson would render the invocation—in England we usually call it grace.

The Hip Flask.

Then the reitors of Zenith fell to eating. The reitors of Zenith also fell to drinking. Not, indeed, from every hip was the flask with its seductive and stimulating contents drawn, but from a startling number of them. The drinker in a prohibition country is always hospitable. To defy the law behind your own closed doors is a dull diversion. So every flask that appeared was soon going its generous round, and heartiness became progressively heartier still. To that there were some drawbacks. It is well, no doubt, sometimes, for tongues to be loosened, but not, for preference, when public speeches are in process of delivery.

The loosening, moreover, developed as the night advanced—and I was the last of the speakers on the list (an climax, not an afterthought, I would hasten to explain). Before then it fell to the President to expatiate on the growth of Zenith—to the great profit, obviously, of Zenith reitors. I took no note of the statistics, but they were impressive. Comparisons with Chicago and Philadelphia were freely drawn. Population expanding, site-values rising, new bridges and subways in contemplation—the depression had clearly left the township of Zenith unscathed.

Traction corporations, public utilities, private interests—technical terminology and shattering statistics were omitted in a steady flow for the benefit of a company which fortunately had its flasks to drain and the intimate conversation of Fred or George to listen to in preference—marked preference—to the speakers on the programme.

I Go On The Air.

About this time, by the way, there was considerable anxious talk about going on the air. We went on the air (in simpler English, though the explanation is no doubt superfluous, began to be broadcast), at 9.30, and the agenda had to be carefully handled so that the expectant public from Miami to Los Angeles should get the cream of the entertainment. It got me, among other things.

By the time I rose the room was half empty (I understand there were unadvertised liquid attractions elsewhere) and the announcement of my name and subject had much the same effect on the remaining half as a cry of fire outside.

But I carried on, Zenith Chamber of Commerce had asked to hear about the United States of Europe, and it should hear it in the person of its President at least, for he, at any rate, could not desert his post. But going on the air was fatal. I can talk peacefully through a microphone as well as most men. I can make my voice heard above a buzz of conversation (there was sufficient audience left to make a quite substantial buzz) better than some. But I have never pretended to be able to combine the two. The audience was too obtrusive to be ignored, and so I shouted. What it sounded like to the radio audience I have not heard, and trust I never shall.

However, Zenith Chamber of Commerce was pleased. Even as I am writing this article I have received an official letter saying how pleased it was. Why, you may reasonably ask, I give the explanation that was given to me. Zenith loves, among other things, culture. The advance publicity announcing that someone, however obscure (and Zenith knows nothing about his obscurity), was coming from England to address the Zenith Chamber on the United States of Europe, put that body forthwith on a level with the American Academy of Political Science.

One final, but most essential word. Is this the typical American? Emphatically not. One or two of my American friends who shared with me the diversion of seeing the Babbitts dine said it was an experience as new to them as to me.

CINEMA NOTES.

NORMA SHEARER IN "LET US BE GAY."

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LAST WEDNESDAY.

Hounds met at Dill's Corner on the last Wednesday in the month and maintained the high level of sport shown during the last fortnight.

The weather was again kind to us, rain the previous day had made the ground excellent. Scenting conditions were the only a rise of a degree or two in the temperature actually occurring after 3 p.m. This probably accounted for Rainbow and Rippler, two of the best hounds, running rather ahead of the remainder of the pack.

A few minutes after 3.15 Capt. Mould moved off to draw the anno cover that was drawn at the opening meet.

Rippler and Rainbow went away mute from cover and were not followed by the remainder of the pack until they were quite a quarter of a mile ahead. Pessimists told a bad run with the line fouled by the leading bounds. This actually was not the case; full bounds hunted the line well together and at a very fair pace.

The line ran in a large circle to finish across some bare paddies, which gave excellent going not far from the grav.

After a short pause, Mr. Corbett, who no usual was the fox, and a very crafty one too, left to lay the second line. After giving the for the usual fifteen minutes' grace, hounds were again put on near Dill's Corner, but this time to run South of Pitt's Bungalow. Rainbow and Rippler again led by some distance, but a long in the line put tall bounds up again and the whole pack went away in a good pace after the fox, which had set his mask for the ladies' Gulf Course. Shortly after crossing the pond "Mary" made one of her rare mistakes. (How are the mighty fallen!)

The field had to go hard to be in sight of bounds at all. Mr. Alec Potts took a ten foot drop jump into an empty water hole and parted company; fortunately he was not hurt.

The fox hunting had been viewed. Mr. Corbett had to gallop hard in order to save his brush, bounds eventually catching him between Potts' Bungalow and the new Course.

We were very glad to see Mr. and Mrs. Alec Potts out again. This is the first time Mr. Potts has been out since he broke his wrist hunting last month. Amongst others we noticed Miss Scott Hartston and Mrs. Anderson. The field was smaller than usual on this occasion fifteen.

Thursday's meet is at the Kennels and is a bye-day. This is a change from normal, but Thursday is a non-racing day.

The Acting Master will probably try to hunt the real article on this occasion.

Messrs. Thomson and Co. will shortly publish a list of forthcoming meets.

CORRESPONDENCE.

A Hockey League.

(To the Editor of Hongkong Telegraph.)

Sir, "Enthusiasm's" letter published in your paper on the 26th February does not seem to have evoked much enthusiasm from local hockey clubs. Perhaps secretaries are rather shy of the additional work the formation of a league would entail, or may be the lack of interest is just plain "Hong-konged".

I know of one club which will be only too pleased to assist in the formation of a league, the name of which I shall be glad to supply to any hockey club secretaries who may be interested.

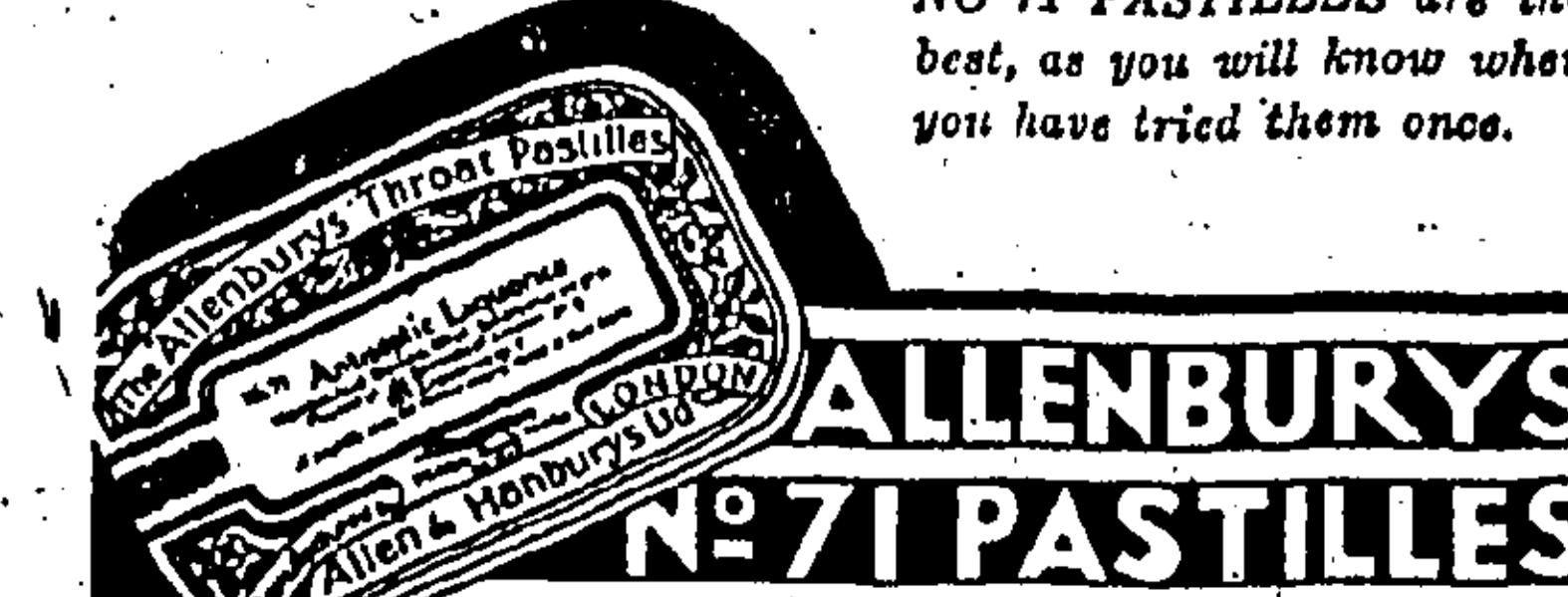
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LOCAL CRICKET.

K.C.C. EASILY DEFEAT THE VOLUNTEERS YESTERDAY.

The cricket match, commenced on Sunday, between the Kowloon Cricket Club and the Volunteers, was resumed yesterday and resulted in an easy victory for the K.C.C. by nine wickets. Scoring was high in the first day's play, the Volunteers knocking up 272 in their first innings. Kowloon were 42 runs behind at the close of play, E. P. Fincher being the 78th run and Lynn 4 not out. These two returned Kowloon's 2nd innings yesterday, but Fincher did not stay long, being bowled. Beck after he had added 11 runs to his overnight score, Lynn and Burnett then made a stand, and enabled Kowloon to take a lead of 28 runs on the first innings.

Scores:

Volunteers—1st Innings—272.
K.C.C.—1st Innings—300.
Volunteers—2nd Innings—11.

K. H. Corbett, b Burnett..... 4

J. E. Fincher, c and b Burnett..... 1

S. H. Griffiths, b Burnett..... 38

R. M. Wood, c Hung, b Burnett..... 4

A. Reid, b Burnett..... 7

H. F. Green, c E. C. Fincher, b Burnett..... 2

A. G. Beck, b Burnett..... 0

G. E. R. Divett, c E. C. Fincher, b Burnett..... 0

R. R. Davis, Extras..... 5

Beck 2

Divett 3

Reid 1

Extras 18

Total (for 0 wkt.) 72
One man absent. Bowling Analysis. O. M. R. W.
W. C. Hung 0 2 42 1
G. C. Burnett 0 2 25 8

W. E. Lawrence, b Reid 12

N. A. E. Mackay, not out 13

F. E. Skinner, not out 19

Extra 4

Total (for 1 wkt.) 48

E. C. Fincher, W. C. Hung, F.

Zilmern, E. F. Fincher, D. W.

Gregory, J. C. Lynn, G. C. Burnett

and Dulzel did not bat.

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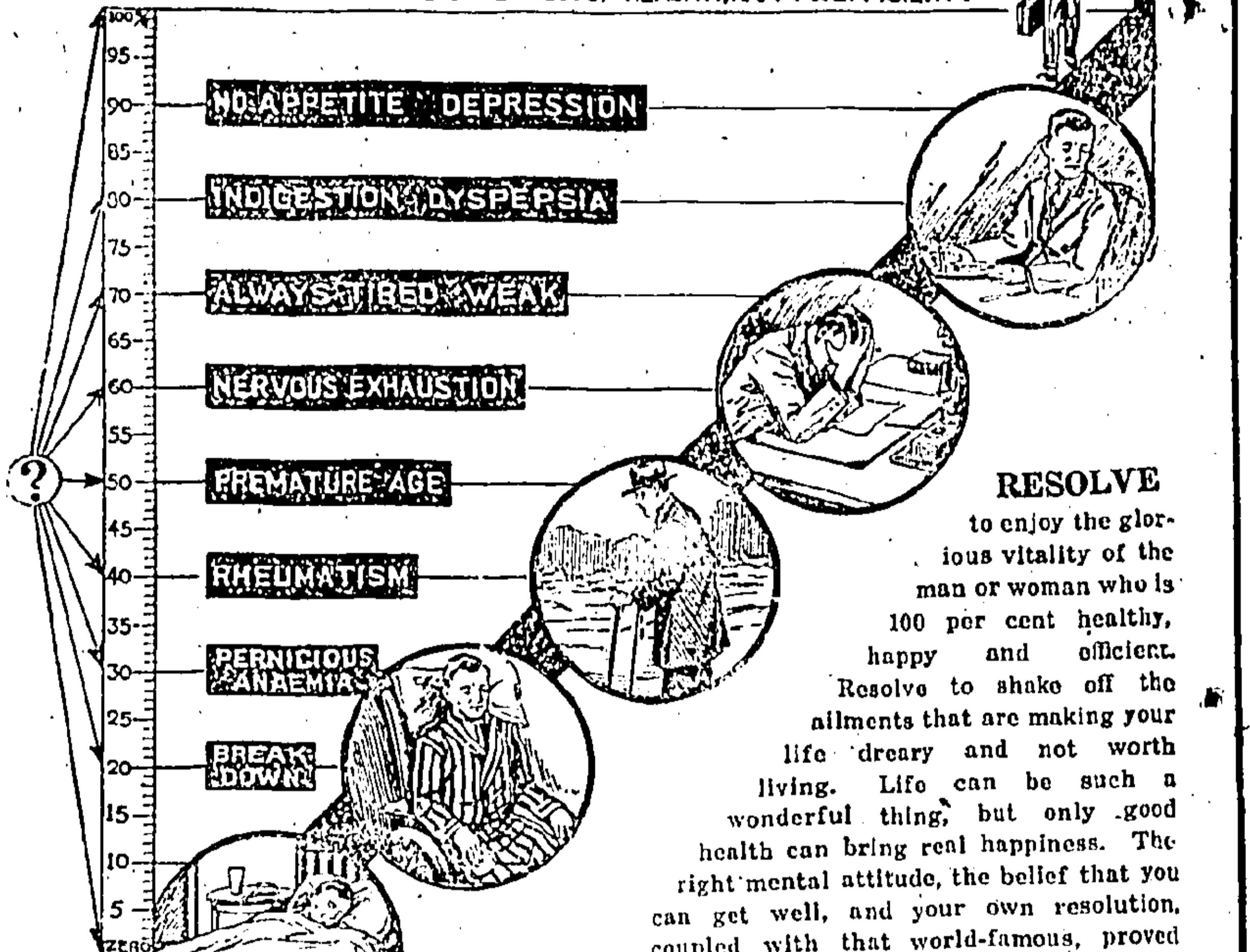
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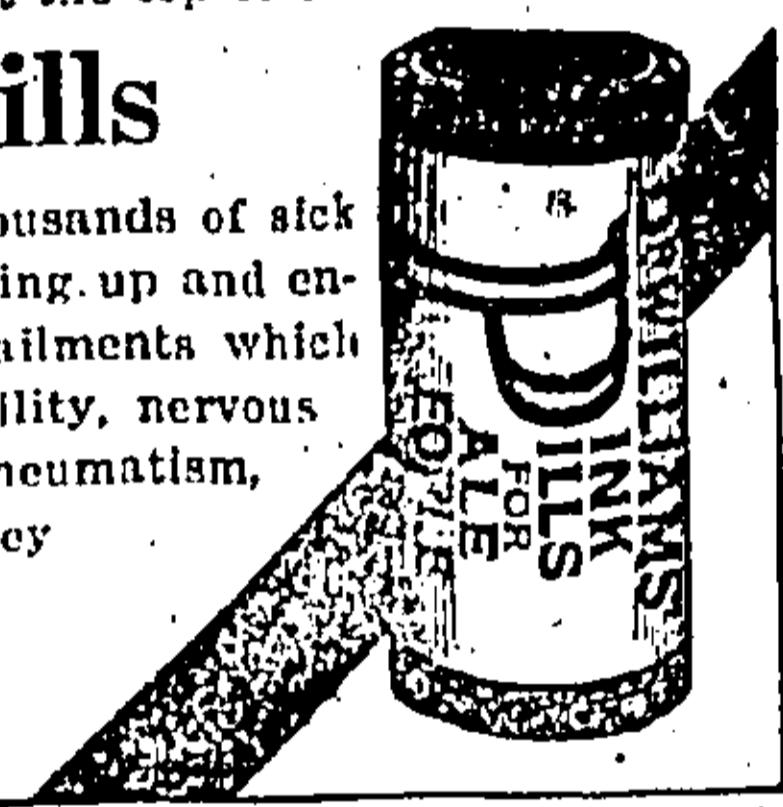


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CHAPTER XLVIII

"That would be impossible," Miles said. "Your wife is already dead." Then, silencing the hoarse oaths of the men and the screams of the women, came slow, terrible words: "Tracey Arthur Miles, I arrest you for the murder of your wife, known as Juanita Leigh Selim, and for the murder of Dexter Sprague. And it is my duty to warn you that anything you say may be used against you."

Tracey Miles lifted his ashen face and stared at the detective blankly, as though he had gone deaf and blind. "All—over—isn't it? May I have a drink?" he mumbled to articulate at last.

"Poor devil! He needs it," the too soft-hearted young detective told himself, as Tracey Miles poured a drink from the almost empty whisky decanter and raised the little glass to his lips.

"I have—nothing—to say!" the murderer gasped thickly, then fell heavily to the floor.

It was three-quarters of an hour later. District Attorney Sanderson, Captain Strawn and Dundee were alone in the house where Nita "Selim" had been murdered, and where her husband had confessed his crimes by committing suicide. The morgue ambulance had come and gone...

"I should have known," Dundee admitted ruefully, as the three men entered Nita's bedroom, "that so ingenuous a criminal as Tracey Miles would not have failed to provide against the possibility of discovery. He must have snatched an opportunity to spill cyanide of potassium into the decenter when my eyes were off him for a moment—and upon Lou Dunlap."

"I'm glad he did," Sanderson said curtly. "But it was ghastly that poor Lou had to know that it was she, in all innocence, who fired the gun."

"It was," Dundee sighed. "But I believed that the only way I could make Miles to confess was to frighten him into thinking Flora would be killed."

Captain Strawn and I are still in the dark as to exactly how Miles managed his wife's murder," Sanderson reminded him. "This morning you chose to tell us nothing more than that a Hamilton man had married Nita Leigh in New York in January, 1918, and that eight years ago, when he saw her picture in *The Evening Sun*, along with the story that 'Anita Lee' had committed suicide, he had felt free to marry again. . . . You said then you knew who the man was but you would not even tell us how you knew."

"Because I had very little actual proof then," Dundee answered. "As to who he was, the salient clue had been staring me in the face the whole time, but it was not until I was fooling with a set of anagrams last night, idling spelling out the names of all the men who might have married her and then murdered her, that I saw it—"

"Saw what?" Strawn demanded irritably.

"That Selim is simply Miles spelled backward," Dundee explained. "Possibly because he considered it the sophisticated thing to do, Miles used an assumed name at the party at which he met Nita Leigh. Even the first name, 'Mat,' by which she knew him, was only his initials reversed."

"Simple—but clever," Sanderson commented.

"Just as all of Miles' schemes were after Nita, egged on by Sprague, turned up in Hamilton to demand 'back alimony' as the price of her silence. . . . But let me show you how he killed his wife."

He strode to the big bronze lamp. "It took me less than an hour to reconstruct the death machine so that it would be almost exactly as it was when Miles finished his work just before 2:30 last Saturday—and as it remained until he had an opportunity to come back here and dismantle it. Trust him to find out that the guard was removed from the house Thursday!"

As he spoke, he was uncrossing the big, jewel-studded bowl of the bronze lamp. Wedged at a downward angle, inside the bowl, which was 12 inches in diameter, was Judge Marshall's snub-nosed automatic and silencer, the end of the silencer projecting slightly from a hole whose jewel was missing.

"There's a blank cartridge in the gun now, of course, but Miles, in his panic, took my words literally. . . . See the electro-magnet strapped to the gun butt? He got it from the bell Sprague had installed from here to Lydia's bedroom. The magnet was connected with the electric wire in one of the two lamp sockets, as you see it now, and the long cord of the lamp was connected with the wire of the bell in the dining room—so connected that when anyone stepped on the two little metal plates under the dining room rug, the kitchen bell

until 2:30—the time the bridge game was scheduled to begin. But Miles came on out, having previously stolen the gun and silencer and having studied the house."

"How did he get in?" Sanderson wanted to know.

Judge Marshall had lent him a key in February, when Miles wanted to show the house to an engaged young man in his office, and Miles never returned it. Well, when Miles arrived he found Ralph Hammond here, and had to leave, waiting at a safe distance until the coast was clear about one o'clock. But even so he had more than an hour to do his carefully planned job."

"But you were wrong about the secret shelf!" Strawn glared.

"No. It was the absence of fingerprints there that kept me on the right track. Miles had searched the shelf for the marriage certificate which he could not know Nita had already burned."

"How was Sprague killed?" Sanderson interrupted impatiently.

Dundee reached into the tool chest and brought out a narrow, deep drawer. "First I must tell you that Miles got the gun out of the lamp Saturday night, sneaking in while I was talking with Lydia in the basement. A little later he came back noisily enough to offer Lydia a job as nurse in his home. Without question he assured himself that she knew nothing, or she would have gone the way of Nita and Sprague. . . . Now as to Sprague. Despite my warnings Sprague attempted to carry on the blackmail scheme. Perhaps Miles put him off for a day or two, but on Wednesday afternoon he made an appointment with Sprague, telling him that, if he would come to his home that evening, and manage to leave the bridge game while he was dummy, he would find the money in a drawer of the cabinet that stood in the trophy room between the two windows. . . . This drawer."

"But—how?" Sanderson frowned.

"Very simple! When Sprague pulled open this drawer, which was just at the height of his stomach, he received a bullet in his heart. . . . See these four little holes? . . . A wire was screwed into the bottom of the drawer so that it gripped the gun with its silencer at an upward angle. A piece of string was tied to the trigger, and fastened somehow to the underside of the drawer, so that when Sprague pulled the drawer open the string was drawn taut and the trigger pulled. Practically the same mechanism by which he tried to murder me. . . . I'm sorry. I'm going to try to make Margaret and Penny happy—"

"Through?" Penny called from the doorway, and her red lips were adorably rounded over the word that Bonnie Dundee forgot Tracey Miles and his ingenuous schemes.

Then he had the rest of the night to remove the gun!

"Yes. Sometime during the night after Flora was asleep with a sedative, he removed the gun and the vise, but he could not remove the holes the screws had made. His next concern was to make the murder complete with Captain Strawn's theory of a gunman who had trailed his quarry to the Miles home and shot him through the window. The window was already open, but the screen must be raised, too, and Sprague's fingerprints had to be on the nickel catches by which the curtain screen is raised or lowered. Of course Sprague had not touched the screen—"

"Do you mean to say he lagged the corpse to the window and lifted it up so that he could press the stiff fingers upon the nickel catches?"

"No," Dundee answered. "That was not necessary. He simply removed the curtain screen and carried it to where Sprague's right hand lay, palm upward, on the floor, and pressed the thumb and forefinger against the nickel catches. But the fingerprints thus made were reversed—as I discovered when I examined the prints in Caraway's office to-day. Miles could not turn the stiff hand over without bruising the dead flesh; consequently the print of the forefinger was on the catch where the thumb print would normally have been."

"Well—" Sanderson drew a deep breath. "He was a clever man than any of us suspected, and it is a pity that Nita did not fear him as she feared Sprague's vengeance when she made her will."

"Hello! What are you doing back here?" Dundee exclaimed in surprise when, upon returning to the living room, the three men found Penny Crain.

"Dad wants a private word with you," Penny explained, her brown eyes glowing with happiness. "He's on the front porch. And you ought to see Mother! She looks like a 20-year-old bride!"

When Dundee joined him on the porch, Roger Crain's handsome face flushed painfully, but there was happiness in his brown eyes, too.

"Serena Hart asked me to thank you for giving her Penny's message to pass on to me. I'm sure you've guessed a lot, but what you probably don't know is that Serena used the securities I had sent to her for safe keeping, to play the market with. She wouldn't let me touch a penny of the money until she had turned it into enough to clear up all my debts in Hamilton. . . . Then," he sighed slightly, "she sent me home. . . . Not that I'm sorry. I'm going to try to make Margaret and Penny happy—"

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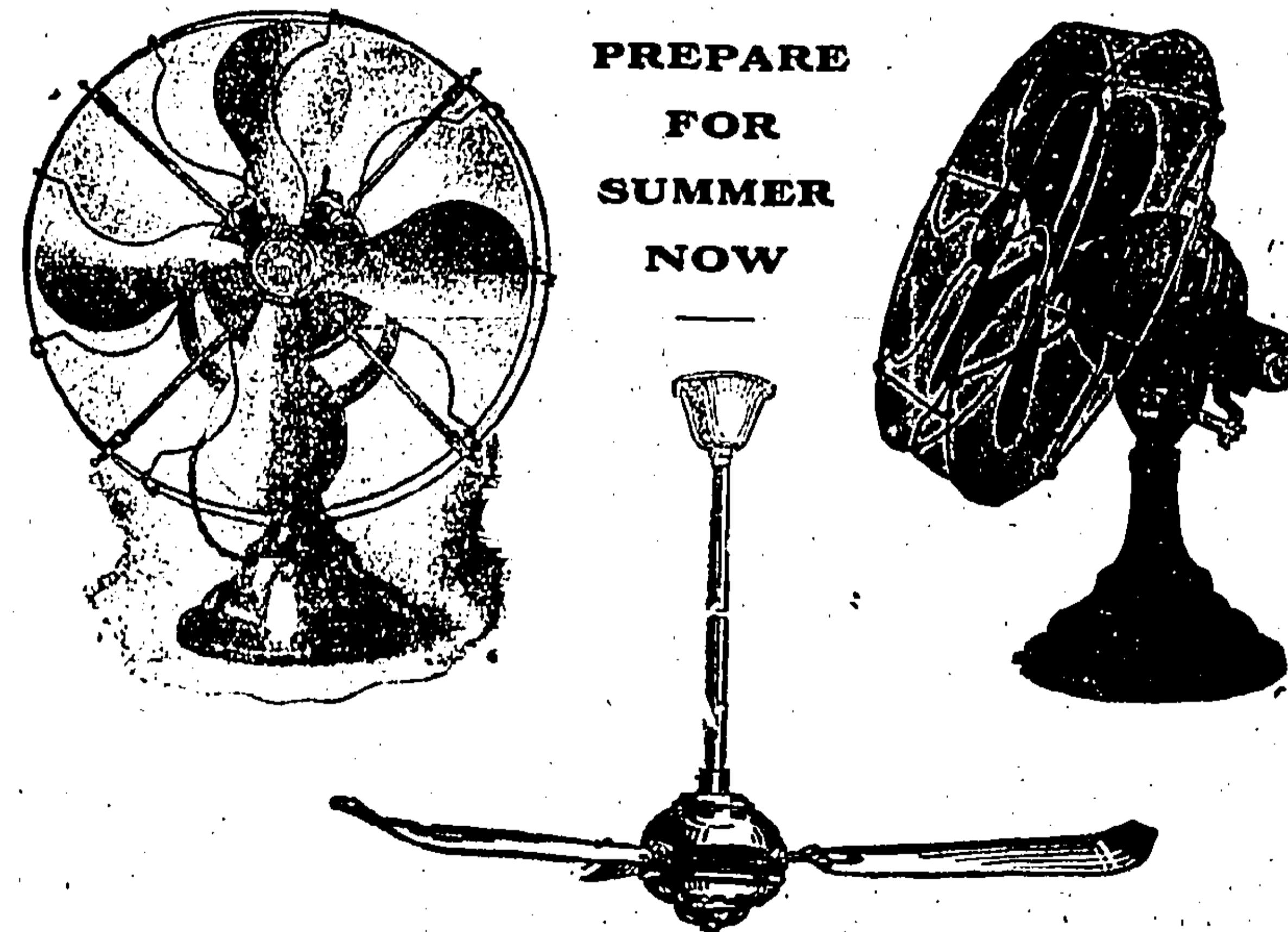
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CHINA'S RAILWAYS.**COLOSSAL DEFICIT WHICH HAS TO BE FACED.**

Nanking, Mar. 2. Mr. Sun Fo, the Minister of Railways, opened the National Railway Transportation Conference this morning, which will discuss and decide upon measures for improvement of commercial transportation on Government Railways.

Mr. Sun Fo said, inter alia, that various railways were on the verge of bankruptcy, the total obligations amounting to more than \$1,000,000,000.—Reuters.

Improvement of C.K.R.

Canton, Feb. 28. To improve communication between Hongkong and Canton, Dr. C. P. Hatch, the new Managing Director of the Chinese Section of the Canton Kowloon Railway, is quoted as saying that an additional express to Hongkong will be inaugurated as from May 1st, when some of the damaged sleepers on the Chinese section have been replaced.

The Canton management of the line is about to enforce a new regulation, requesting all Canton government officials, whether in uniform or not, to pay full fares when travelling to Hongkong. It is also desired to impose full rates on goods transported by the Canton Government.

Chungshan-Fatshan Railway.

Canton, Mar. 2. Following the Ministry of Railways's decision to connect Fatshan and Chungshan by railway line, the Yuen-Han Railway Administration has despatched engineers and experts to re-survey the whole line, a distance of 70 miles.

The cost of construction is estimated at \$13,000,000 of which \$6,000,000 will be appropriated from the Boxer Indemnity Refund, while the balance is to be raised from the people. The total length of the bridges will be about 12,000 feet.

A branch line with a length of 5½ miles starting from Siulam, via Khuchow and Kinpao, to Koischen is also to be constructed so as to connect the Kongmoon-Suning Railway.—Canton News Agency.

LOCAL HORTICULTURE.**OCCASIONAL NOTES OF HONGKONG SOCIETY.**

A new publication, "Occasional Notes of the Hongkong Horticultural Society" has made its first appearance. It is an interesting production edited by Mr. G.A.C. Herkots, who in introducing it to his readers explains that it is in the nature of an experiment.

In making a bid for the co-operation of the large number of Hongkong residents who seek pleasure in the cultivation of beautiful flowers, the editor announces that it is proposed to include in the publication articles on soil, fertilisers, the vegetative propagation of plants, and on the culture of flowers, fruits and vegetables. Articles, notes and correspondence on horticultural problems are invited.

This first number of the review contains a useful article on Sweet Pea Cultivation in Hongkong, another on Soils, a lengthy illustrated article on Thumbergia, and notes on The Culture of Roses, Carnations, Dahlias, etc., in Hongkong.

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RADIO BROADCAST.**THE LOCAL PROGRAMME FOR TO-DAY.**

To-day's local radio broadcast, from Z. B. W. on a wave-length of 365 metres, includes variety, orchestral selections, and a concert hour. The full programme follows:

5.00-5.53 p.m. Variety.

Orchestral—Your Red Lips.

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Orchestra—Autumn Thoughts.

Kirilloff's Balalaika Orch. 20752.

Quintet—Chant Of The Jungle.

Quintet—Tip Toe Thru The Tulips.

Victoria Quintet. 36.

Whistling Mother Macree.

Whistling, You're The Flower Of My Heart.

Bob MacGlinsey. 24.

Bund-Bells Of Saint Malo.

National Military Band. 13.

5.53-6.07 p.m. Operatic.

Mignon—Knowest Thou The Land.

Mignon—Here Am I In Her Boudoir.

Luzerka Bori (Soprano). 1301.

Tristan and Isolde—Isolde's Love Death.

Maria Jerita (Soprano). 1303.

6.07-7.00 p.m. Orchestral.

Stilian Circle (Burchenal).

Qundrille (Burchenal).

Victor Orchestra. 20639.

Dollar Princess Medley.

Nat Shilkret and His Orch. 50012.

Tales of Hoffmann—Potpourri (Offenbach).

Marel Weber and His Orch. 50012.

Marionnettes (Glazounov).

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The Waltzing Doll (Valsante).

Victor Concert Orch. 20014 & 20068.

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Marel Weber and His Orch. 60002.

7.00 p.m. Winners of to-day's Races.

7.00-8.00 p.m. A Concert.

Flame Solo—Bohemian Dance (Smets).

Caprice Espagnole (Moskowski).

Wilhelm Buschus. 7121.

Song—Comin' Thru The Rye.

Marion Tully (Soprano). 1146.

Violin and Cymbal Duet—The Old Gipsy (Erin).

Violin and Cembal Duet—The Broken Violin (Pista).

Schaffer and Sarkozy. 20749.

Song—Love's Old Sweet Song (Bingham and Moloy).

Song—Kathleen Mavourneen (Crawford and Crouch).

John McCormick (Tenor). 6776.

Flute Solo—Impromptu In B Flat (Schubert).

Flute Solo—Moment Musicale In F Minor (Schubert).

Wilhelm Buschus. 7120.

Song—Sometime (Florio).

Song—Dreaming Time (Strickland).

Madam Amelita Galli Curci (Soprano). 114.

Song—The Blind Ploughman (Radcliffe and Clark).

Song—Oh Could I But Express It (Song (Malashkin)).

Feodor Chaliapin (Bass). 1306.

Trio—Down In The Forest (Ronald). 1306.

De Groot Trio. 9.

Orchestra—Serenade (Standchen).

De Groot and Picadilly Orch. 9.

8.00-11.30 p.m. Ko Shing Theatre Relay.

9.00 p.m. Weather Report, Local Time, etc.

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The rooms were tastefully decorated in the M.G. Coy's colours, blue and gold, and a well selected programme of music rendered by "The Unique Orchestra," who we hope will be heard more frequently in the Colony. Supper was served in the Chamber of Commerce room, arrangements being in the capable hands of the well-known "Alphonse," of the St. Francis Hotel. The dance terminated at 1.00 a.m. the reluctant leave-takings testifying to the cheery success of the evening.

The Machine Gun Company hope to make this Dance an annual affair, and it is hoped that more of the young men in the Colony who are eligible will appreciate the advantages, social and otherwise, of belonging to this Company of the Volunteers.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

A Correction.

[To the Editor of Hongkong Telegraph.]

Sir.—With reference to the article appearing in a recent issue of your paper with regard to my subscription of \$30,000 towards the new building for the Po Leung Kuk, I wish to draw your attention to a slight mistake. You stated that my photograph would be hung up in the Hall of the new building, but this is not correct. I gave the donation in memory of my late mother and the Committee decided that her photograph be hung up in the Hall of the new building. (Not mine).

I shall be glad if you will kindly rectify this at your convenience.

R. H. TUNG.

OBITUARY.

WELL-KNOWN MEMBER OF PORTUGUESE COMMUNITY.

The Portuguese community of Hongkong has lost one of its oldest and best known members, in the person of Mr. M. A. Baptista.

Mr. Baptista must have been one of the Colony's oldest foreign inhabitants. He was 74 years of age, and had been employed for no less than 68 years in the office of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master, Solicitors. He was popular with his fellow and active despite his age. He was confined to bed last week at his home, 8, Canine Road, with a bronchial affection, took a turn for the worse on Friday and died somewhat suddenly yesterday. He took little part in public life, his hobby being art. He was a painter of parts, and many local residents have samples of his work. One of his sons, Mr. M. F. Baptista has inherited his father's talent.

Mr. Baptista leaves a big family, now all grown up. There are four sons and four daughters. The eldest son is Mr. A. F. Baptista, of the National City Bank. Others are Mr. R. D. Baptista (of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Company's Canton office), Mr. M. F. Baptista (Green Island Cement Co.) and Mr. F. A. Baptista (Great Northern Telegraph Co.).

The funeral will pass the Monument at 5 p.m. to-day.

OVERCOAT TAKEN.

PRIEST'S PASSPORT RETURNED THROUGH THE POST.

Rev. W. J. Downs, who recently arrived from Swatow, has reported to the Tsimshatsui Police Station the theft of an overcoat from the waiting room at the Maryknoll Mission, Kowloon, where he is staying. He reports that a Chinese youth came to see him on Friday night, and after the youth's departure, the coat was found missing.

Rev. Mr. Downs' passport, which was in a pocket of the coat, was returned through the post in an un stamped envelope yesterday.

WARRANT ISSUED.

COMPLAINT OF ALLEGED FALSE PRETENCES.

A warrant has been issued by the police for the arrest of Terence Joseph Woods, aged 33 years, who is believed to have arrived in the Colony from Australia, six months ago, and was managing partner of the Combined Buyers Association, Exchange Building.

It is alleged that Woods obtained \$75 in Australian notes (\$831) by false pretences from Pun King, employee at a money changer's shop at No. 36, Queen's Road Central, on Saturday.

Nanking, Mar. 2. Sir Miles Lampson called on the Foreign Minister, Dr. C. T. Wang, this morning, and resumed the extra-territorial negotiations.—Reader.

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OFFICIAL ESTIMATE OF THE FATALITIES.

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people, including four Europeans, perished in the hurricane on February 21.—Reuter.

[Earlier reports placed the death toll at 230, and later at "over 100", including five Europeans.]

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SAY TO HAVE BEEN TWICE PURLOINED.

Y.M.C.A. BOY CHARGED.

Stated to be a "boy" employed at the European Y.M.C.A. a Chinaman who appeared before Mr. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistrate this morning was charged with stealing a pair of roller skates belonging to the son of Dr. and Mrs. H. F. Sommers, of the Peninsula Hotel.

The defendant stated that the skates had been taken by an odd job cooler employed by the contractor engaged on the construction of the new Y.M.C.A. extension. The cooler had since absconded.

Detective Sub-Inspector A. H. Elston said the complainant had left his skates on the ground whilst he was looking at some machinery in the back yard of the Y.M.C.A. and when he went to get them, he found that they had disappeared. The boy's parents, who were looking out of their window, had seen a Chinese pick up the skates and walk into a matshed. The police were notified and later the defendant was arrested, the skates subsequently being found in the matshed.

It was disclosed in evidence that after the skates had disappeared from where they had been left by the complainant, Mrs. Sommers, who had gone to the yard to search for them, had subsequently seen from her window a man take them out from under a driving machine. She recognised the man whom she had seen as the same man who was later arrested by the police.

Sub-Inspector Elston intimated to his Worship that the police presumption was that the skates had been stolen twice. The first time they were hidden under the machine and then removed from there and taken to the shed. There was no evidence that the defendant was responsible for the first theft, but the prosecution were trying to establish that he had taken them the second time. The hearing was adjourned till Friday for Dr. Sommers and other witnesses to be called.

THE DOWNFALL OF HU HAN-MIN.

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he was ready to adopt the Provisional Constitution during the present period of political tutelage, as it aimed at the protection of individual rights and property.

The President denounced Mr. Han-min for opposing the Provisional Constitution for no other reason than desire to retain his power in the Legislative Council.

Speech Censored.

A serious blow was delivered to the followers of Mr. Hu Han-min when the President announced that Mr. Hu would resign in favour of Mr. Lin Sen.

This morning the Kuomintang Office requested all Nanking newspapers to censor the speech delivered by Marshal Chiang, for reasons not stated.

After the session at Government House, an important conference took place at the Central Kuomin-tang Headquarters, when the Kuomintang officials were informed of the wish of President Chiang Kai-shek to summon a Commission consisting of ten Kuomintang officials including Dr. Wang Chung-hui, Mr. Yu Yu-jen, Chairman of the Control Yuan, Messrs Tsai Yuan-pai, Wu Tze-hui, Ting Wan-fan and H. H. Kung, to draft the Provisional Constitution in readiness for the coming meeting of the National Assembly.

UNION WATERBOAT COMPANY.

PROPOSED DIVIDEND AND BONUS.

The Union Waterboat Co., Ltd., advises that, subject to audit, the net balance at credit of Profit and Loss Account for the year ending 31st December, 1930, is \$46,466.84, which amount the members of the Consulting Committee will, at the approaching meeting of shareholders, recommend to be allocated as follows:

Pay a dividend of \$1.25 per share \$34,653.75
Pay a Bonus of .25 per share 6,930.75
Carry forward to New Account 3,882.34

\$45,466.84

KING'S SERVICE PUTS UP SPLENDID RACE.

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Ponies that have started in, and have not won a race at this Meeting, and that have not at any time won three flat races, to be ridden by Jockeys who have not won five flat races anywhere at any time. One Mile.

Mr. Aitch Aitch's Chara, 163 lbs. (Mr. Bramwell) 1
Mr. A. A. Botelho's Lobster Bay, 163 lbs. (Mr. Botelho) 2
Messrs. Toog & Prinley's Gay Crusader, 163 lbs. (Mr. Lobel) 3

Nine starters. Two lengths; short head.

Time:—2 min. 06.1/5 secs.
Parl-Mutuel.—Winner, \$68.50;
1st, \$15.70; 2nd, \$9.70; 3rd, \$6.90.

2.—The Exchange Plate.—Presented by the Bankers and Exchange Brokers of Hongkong. Value \$1,000 to Winner. Second to receive \$300 and Third \$200. For China Ponies. One Mile and a Quarter.

Mrs. Dunbar's Hawaian, 163 lbs. (Mr. Hill) 1
Mr. L. Dunbar's Elliot Bay, 149 lbs. (Mr. Sokoloff) 2
Mr. Dynasty's King's Bounty, 161 lbs. (Mr. Chang) 3

Five starters. A head; a short head.

Time:—2 min. 35 secs.
Parl-Mutuel.—Winner, \$32.30;
1st, \$13.80; 2nd, \$12.70.

3.—The Hongkong Derby.—A Sweepstakes of \$20 each, \$50 additional for Starters, with \$4,000 added. For China Ponies, bona fide Griffins of this Meeting. First Pony to receive 70 per cent. Second 20 per cent. Third 10 per cent. of the total amount. One Mile and a Half.

Mr. Dynasty's King's Service, 168 lbs. (Mr. Chang) 1
Messrs. Mackie & Grayburn's Spey, 168 lbs. (Mr. Clark) 2
Mr. L. T. F.'s Gold Key, 162 lbs. (Mr. Tung) 3

Messrs. Kong Bros' Bright Star, 168 lbs. (Mr. Pih) 0
Mr. Eve's Daylight Eve, 165 lbs. (Mr. Pote-Hunt) 0
Mr. L. Dunbar's Fortune Bay, 155 lbs. (Mr. Hill) 0

Mr. Harrman's Leveret, 168 lbs. (Mr. Proulx) 0
Mr. Chan Wai-sang's Nippy, 155 lbs. (Mr. Soares) 0
Mrs. G. A. Harriman's Paul Pry, 158 lbs. (Mr. Harriman) 0
Mrs. Dunbar's Sam Houston, 158 lbs. (Mr. Heard) 0
Mr. W. T. Stanton's Tom, 152 lbs. (Mr. Stanton) 0

A head; a head.

Time:—3 min. 09.4/5 secs.
Parl-Mutuel.—Winner, \$18.20;
1st, \$8.00; 2nd, \$10.30; 3rd, \$10.60.

4.—The Subscription Griffins' Challenge Cup.—Value \$1,000. For Subscription Griffins of this Meeting. Winner to receive \$600 and 70 per cent. Second \$300 and 20 per cent. and Third \$200 and 10 per cent. of the Entrance Fees until the Cup is finally won when the Second Pony will receive 75 per cent. and the Third Pony 25 per cent. of the Entrance Fees in addition to the place money. One Mile and a Quarter.

Messrs. Hall & Shenton's The Grouse, 149 lbs. (Mr. Frost) 1
Mr. A. A. R. Botelho's Miammi, 155 lbs. (Mr. Soares) 2

*Mr. Dynasty's King Willow, 162 lbs. (Mr. Chang) 3
*Mr. T. P. T. Tunney, 152 lbs. (Mr. Heard) 3

*Dead heat.

Twelve starters. Half length, two lengths.

Time:—2 min. 49.3/5 secs.
Parl-Mutuel.—Winner, \$17.10;
1st, \$5.40; 2nd, \$7; 3rd, King Willow \$5.10; Tunney \$5.40.

5.—The Melbourne Cup.—Winner, \$1,500. Second \$600. Third \$400. For Australian Ponies. One Mile and a Quarter.

Mr. Chan Tin-son's Woodland Sing, 158 lbs. (Mr. Quincey) 1
Messrs. Fung & Tang's The Raindrop, 155 lbs. (Mr. Pan) 2
Mr. John's Wattle, 161 lbs. (Mr. Heard) 3

Seven starters. Three lengths; four lengths.

Time:—2 min. 29.4/5 secs.
Parl-Mutuel.—Winner, \$9.30;
1st, \$5.30; 2nd, \$5.70; 3rd, \$5.40.

6.—The Great Southern Stakes.—Winner, \$750. Second \$300. Third \$200. For China Ponies. Six Furlongs.

Mr. Dynasty's Hotman, 163 lbs. (Mr. Chang) 1
Messrs. Mackie & Grayburn's Jill, 162 lbs. (Mr. Clark) 2
Mr. L. Dunbar's Glengone, 158 lbs. (Mr. Hill) 3

Nine starters. A length; two lengths.

Time:—1 min. 28.2/5 secs.
Parl-Mutuel.—Winner, \$9.60;
1st, \$6; 2nd, \$15.50; 3rd, \$9.10.

PRESS COMMENT ON THE PACT.

FULL APPROVAL OF THE ARRANGEMENT.

EXCEPTIONAL VALUE.

London, Mar. 3. The Times, commenting upon the successful mission in Rome and Paris of Mr. Henderson and Mr. Alexander, says that the British public will be prepared to judge the treatment broadly on its general merits without exaggerated attention to the statistics.

Whatever has been settled now cannot seriously unsettle the agreed balances of the London Naval Treaty.

Replacement and gradual deduction, not an increase, will probably be found to have informed the Franco-Italian agreement. The immediate and carefully limited effect of the present arrangement will not seriously detract from its usefulness.

The next five years are as likely as not to be highly critical. A naval holiday for their duration possesses, therefore, exceptional value and there must at least be a strong presumption that competitive building, once abandoned, will not be resumed. The breathing space will enable the diplomatic negotiators of either country to settle other outstanding problems.

In a telegram to Mr. Henderson, in reply to the message sent by him and M. Briand from Paris, announcing the agreement of the French Government to the accord reached at Rome, Signor Grandi, the Italian Foreign Minister, expressed most sincere satisfaction at the results. He tendered special thanks to Mr. Henderson and to the British Government for the very valuable work done in securing the agreement which constituted a weighty contribution to the work of consolidating the peace of the world, in which the Italian Government would always be ready to offer them willing co-operation.—Reuters and British Wireless.

HOW KIDNAPPERS OPERATE.

REVELATIONS IN CASE AT KOWLOON.

As they had been of assistance in the recovery of a child whom they had kidnapped, two Chinese women who appear before Mr. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistrate this morning had the usual sentence reduced by half.

According to Detective Sergeant Fitches, the defendants were the members of a gang of fifteen kidnappers, of whom eleven have been arrested, the last to be sentenced being three men who were recently before the Court. The gang occupied three huts in Po Kong village, Kowloon City, and the three men, at present undergoing terms of imprisonment, rode around the district on bicycles with a live bird. Whenever they met a child they gave him the bird to play with and then took him away to get more.

Victims were taken to one of the three huts and then removed to a second the same night. The following day they would have their haircut and their clothes changed, eventually being taken to the country.

In the present case the defendants had assisted the police to recover the boy from the country.

His Worship sentenced each to six months' imprisonment, pointing out that the usual penalty was one year.

7.—The Lusitano Cup.—Presented by the Members of the Club Lusitano. For China Ponies bona fide Griffins of this Meeting. With \$600 added. Second \$300. Third \$200. One Mile.

Mr. Dynasty's King's Justice, 158 lbs. (Mr. Chang) 1
Mr. K. H. Kuy's Eros, 168 lbs. (Mr. Pote-Hunt) 2

Mrs. Dunbar's Little Beaver, 155 lbs. (Mr. Sokoloff) 3

Thirteen starters. Two lengths; half length.

Time:—2 min. 04.2/5 secs.
Parl-Mutuel.—Winner, \$8.20;
\$5.60; 2nd, \$6.20; 3rd, \$7.90.

8.—The Challenge Cup.—Value One Hundred Guineas. For China Ponies. Weight for inches as per scale. Winner to receive \$750 and 20 per cent. Second \$300 and 10 per cent. of the Entrance Fees until the Cup is finally won when the Second Pony will receive 75 per cent. and the Third Pony 25 per cent. of the Entrance Fees in addition to the place money. One Mile and Three Quarters.

Mrs. Dunbar's Sitting Bull, 152 lbs. (Mr. Hill) 1
Mr. Eve's Coronation Eve, 168 lbs. (Mr. Pote-Hunt) 2

Mr. Dynasty's King's Colour, 155 lbs. (Mr. G. U. da Rosa) 3

Six starters. Two lengths; a length.

Time:—3 min. 49.1/5 secs.
Parl-Mutuel.—Winner, \$8.80;
\$5.80; 2nd, \$7.70; 3rd, \$5.60.

AMUSEMENTS OF HONGKONG.

AT THE QUEEN'S SHOWING TO-DAY
At 2.30, 5.10, 7.15 & 9.20.

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